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Kerala Governor says he can sack errant Ministers

Cabinet members lowering the dignity of Governor's office will invite action, warns Khan following Higher Education Minister R. Bindu's remark on his refusal to sign University Laws Bill

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Monday opened the next battlefront against the State government by threatening to remove Ministers from their posts if they continued to lower the dignity of his office.

In an official tweet, Mr. Khan said: "The CM and Council of Ministers have every right to advise the Governor. But statements of individual Ministers that lower the dignity of the Governor's office can invite action including withdrawal of pleasure".

Higher Education Minister R. Bindu's remark on Mr. Khan's refusal to sign the University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 into law seemed to have provoked Raj Bhavan.

Dr. Bindu suggested Mr. Khan return the Bill for legislative review instead of withholding assent indefinitely.

The tweet sparked protests from ruling and Opposition party leaders, who accused Mr. Khan of overstepping constitutional limits.

The BJP emerged as the sole voice of support for the Governor.

The CPI(M) Polit Bureau said the tweet exposed Mr. Khan's political bias and hostility toward the LDF government. "The President of India should intervene to prevent the Kerala Governor from making such anti-Constitutional and anti-democratic statements," the statement read.

CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan said Mr. Khan's tweet indicated brazen ignorance of the Constitution and principles of Parliamentary democracy. He said Governors were bound by the advice of Chief Minister in matters relating to appointment and dismissal of Ministers.

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> **ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN**
> Kerala Governor

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CM orders probe after woman is hurt in accident

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BENGALURU

A 50-year-old woman is critical after a KSRTC bus hit a scooter while the rider was negotiating a pothole and a bad stretch in Rajajinagar on Monday. The woman was riding pillion. Coming amidst worsening road conditions due to heavy rains, and the run-up to the scheduled civic polls in the city, the accident has triggered a political storm.

Randeep Singh Surjewala, AICC general secretary, Karnataka in-charge tweeted: "CM Bommai has made Bengaluru the pothole capital of India, endangering lives". Mr. Bommai said he had ordered an inquiry into the "pothole accident". "A decision on compensation will be taken after the inquiry report is submitted," he added.

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Cong. president poll sees 96% of delegates turning up to vote

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

As more than 9,500 Congress delegates across the country voted on Monday to choose between Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor as their next party chief, outgoing Congress president Sonia Gandhi said she had been "waiting" for this day for a long time.

For the first time in 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the party's top post. While Mr. Tharoor pitched himself as the "candidate for change", Mr. Kharge is being seen as the "establishment" candidate for his proximity to the Gandhi family.

Several senior leaders, including Ashok Gehlot, P. Chidambaram, Ambika Soni, and Mukul Wasnik, asserted that the Gandhi family would continue to play a key role. Madhusudan Mistry, who heads the party's Central Election Authority, told reporters that 96% of the 9,915 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates had voted.

Other parties could learn from the Congress's inner party democracy, Mr. Mistry added.

Sonia Gandhi casting her vote at the AICC headquarters. PTI

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Blocking tweets: Twitter's stand

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Twitter argued before the High Court of Karnataka that the reasons recorded by the authorities to block tweets or accounts has to be communicated to persons and organisations against whom blocking orders are issued.

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Activists oppose steel flyover plan

BENGALURU
As BBMP under BJP regime brings back the proposal of constuction of steel flyover, civic groups are angry that the project is being revived.

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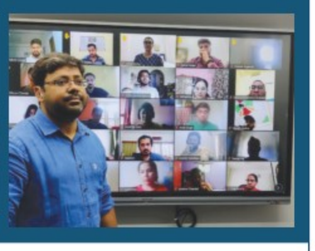

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

ISMA projects an increase in sugar production in India

36.5 In million tonnes, India's projected sugar production in the 2022-23 marketing season, an increase of 2% compared to the year-ago period, according to industry body Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA). The production in India, the world's major producer of the sweetener, stood at 35.8 million tonnes during the 2021-22 marketing season. PTI

Casting votes to elect the first non-Gandhi Congress President

96 In percentage, the voter turnout in Congress presidential elections. More than 9,500 Congress delegates out of 9,915 across the country cast their vote at all PCC offices and the AICC headquarters in Delhi on Monday, to elect the party's first non-Gandhi president in 24 years, choosing between senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor. PTI

Rise of women representation in Indian boardrooms

18 In percentage, the representation of women on boards of companies in India in 2022 from 6% in 2013, according to a report by Ernst & Young. The report titled, "Diversity in the Boardroom: progress and the way forward" said that the country is still far behind France which topped the chart with 44.5%, followed by Sweden (40%) and the U. K. (35.3%). PTI

Union government approves flood relief funds for Nagaland

17.2 In ₹ crore, the amount approved by the Union government as the second instalment of its share to Nagaland for the State Disaster Response Fund for this fiscal, to undertake relief measures in the wake of landslides and floods. During the current financial year, the government released ₹8,764 crore as the first instalment of the Fund to 24 States. PTI

Surprise leader Union Berlin revitalising the Bundesliga race

6 The number of consecutive weekends German football club Union Berlin is leading the Bundesliga — the country's top soccer division. It's a great achievement for a club that was only promoted to the Bundesliga for the first time in 2019 and has seen its top performers leave for better-paying rivals. Union's only target for its fourth season was to avoid relegation. AP

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Hindi imposition and its discontents

What are the reported recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language? When did the linguistic row initially start? What is the history of the 'anti-Hindi' agitations in Tamil Nadu? How have regional leaders reacted?

EXPLAINER

T. Ramakrishnan

The story so far:
The reported recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language to use Hindi as the medium of instruction in Central institutions of higher education in Hindi-speaking States and regional languages in other States has once again ignited a controversy over, what is called by critics of the BJP, an attempt to impose Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people. Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, M. K. Stalin and Pinarayi Vijayan have voiced their concerns over the recommendation.

For the mother tongue: The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam stage a protest against the parliamentary committee's recommendation to make Hindi the medium of instruction in central educational institutes, in Chennai on October 15. PTI

What is the backdrop to the Hindi imposition row?
The origin of the linguistic row goes back to the debate on official languages. In the Constituent Assembly, Hindi was voted as the official language by a single vote. However, it added that English would continue to be used as an associate official language for 15 years. The Official Languages Act came into effect on the expiry of this 15-year period in 1965. This was the background in which the anti-Hindi agitation took place. However, as early as in 1959, Jawaharlal Nehru had given an assurance in Parliament that English would continue to be in use as long as non-Hindi speaking people wanted it.

Why do many parties in Tamil Nadu stand against the recommendation?
Tamil Nadu has had a long history of agitations against "Hindi imposition". In August 1937, in the then Presidency of Madras, the regime headed by C. Rajagopalachari, also known as Rajaji or CR, decided to make Hindi compulsory in secondary schools. E.V. Ramasamy, or Periyar as he was known, who was still in the Justice Party at that time, had spearheaded an agitation against the move, marking the first such stir. A few months after CR's resignation, the British government, in February 1940, made Hindi optional. In January 1965, the second round of agitations erupted in the wake of Hindi becoming the official language of the Union government coupled with the approach adopted by the Central government towards the whole issue.

At different points in time, leaders, starting from Jawaharlal Nehru in the mid-1950s, assured the people of Tamil Nadu that there would be no "imposition" of Hindi. However, in recent years, be it the National Education Policy or reports of English signage on National Highways in the State getting replaced with Hindi signage, the political class of the State had overwhelmingly expressed its reservations. The reiteration of the age-old assurance by the Central government coupled with the promise of the promotion of other Indian languages have barely mollified the protesters.

The essence of the Official Languages Act, 1963, is to provide something to each of the differing groups to meet its objections and safeguard its position. Whenever the parties in the State see any attempt to disturb this status quo, their reaction is always uniform – a virulent opposition.

What does the present proposal say?
If reports in sections of the media are an indication, English, as a medium of instruction in all technical and non-technical institutions, will be permitted only where it is absolutely essential, as the idea is to replace the language gradually with Hindi in those institutions.

While IITs, IIMs and All India Institute of Medical Sciences are considered technical institutions, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas fall under the other category. Also, the committee has recommended the removal of English as one of the languages in examinations held for recruitment to the Central services. It has stated that the requisite knowledge of Hindi among candidates should also be ensured.

What is the alternative suggested by critics of the proposal ?
Both Mr. Stalin and Mr. Vijayan have called for equal treatment to all the languages specified under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. The Kerala Chief Minister has specifically stated that question papers for competitive examinations should be prepared in all the languages while his Tamil Nadu counterpart has urged the Centre to promote all languages and keep open the avenues of progress in terms of education and employment equal to speakers of all languages.

THE GIST

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How does tokenisation prevent online card fraud?

Why has the RBI mandated the generation of a token for online merchant purchases? How will this move keep hackers and scammers at bay? Will it lead to better consumer security?

K. Bharat Kumar

The story so far:
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated the tokenisation of credit/debit cards for online merchants from October 1. Till then, card details for online purchases were stored on the servers of these merchants in order to help customers avoid keying in their details every time they shopped with that merchant.

What is tokenisation?
As per the RBI's FAQ on tokenisation updated late last month, tokenisation "refers to the replacement of actual card details with an alternative code called the 'token', which shall be unique for a combination of card and the token requestor (i.e. the entity which accepts the request from the customer for tokenisation of a card and passes it on to the card network to issue a corresponding token)."

So, if you use a mobile app or a website for online purchases, the merchant can, on your behalf but only with your explicit consent, raise a request for a token with the card issuing bank or the card network such as MasterCard.

Why is tokenisation necessary?
When you visit a restaurant, or even an ATM machine, it is possible for card thieves to clone your card with a skimmer, a gadget that quietly reads the magnetic strip at the back of your card. Similarly, hackers can also break into online websites and mobile apps that store your credit card details. Such data breaches could give con artists access to millions of cards in one go which are then sold on the dark web.

To help lessen the chances of such fraud, some banks have mandated the use of an OTP delivered to your registered mobile number to withdraw cash at ATMs. Other banks have enabled the use of their mobile app to allow cash withdrawal without the physical use of cards. Some credit card-issuing banks allow limits that you can set up yourself, per day, per transaction, etc on the bank's app. The tokenisation mandate of the RBI is a similar exercise in caution.

As per the RBI annual report 2021-22, in FY20 there were a reported 2,677 cases of card fraud via the internet involving ₹129 crore. While in FY21, the number of cases decreased to 2,545, it further increased to 3,596 cases in FY22 with the amount involved being ₹155 crore.

What are the benefits of tokenisation?
The RBI says that a tokenised card transaction is safer as the actual card details are not shared with the merchant.

Even if a hacker/scammer were to get their hands on one's token number, they would not be able to make indiscriminate use of it. Deep Agrawal, head of payments at PhonePe explains: "The token generated upon request for a specific merchant is unique to a specific card number and is usable only on that particular site or mobile app. The token is useless outside of that merchant's ecosystem." He also added that the "new mandate is only for the use of credit/debit cards online. For offline merchants, users would continue to swipe the cards on the POS machines as per previously existing guidelines."

Popular card network Visa further explains the concept of tokenisation through the example of a metro train ticket. It is useful only for that route and not on any other. Similarly, the unique token generated for a specific site is only applicable on that site and nowhere else. And if an undesirable third-party gains access to that specfic token and shops within that specific website, the chances of identifying the party are more as their login and phone details would be with the site. However, regardless of whomever you shop with, be it Amazon or Ola or Swiggy, the app should ask your permission to use your credit card details for it to tokenise your card.

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INBRIEF

SC extends engineering admission till November 30

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, has said that the Supreme Court has extended last date of admission for engineering courses till November 30, 2022.

Earlier, the AICTE had set deadline for October 25, 2022. However the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) had approached the Supreme Court seeking extension of deadline. The KEA sought the extension of time citing reasons of delay in the process due to various reasons including that of CET ranking row which had entered the court.

KRS reaches full level after rain in catchment areas

The inflow into Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir in Srirangapatna has gone up following rains in its catchment areas over the past few days.

With this, the dam has reached its maximum level. The level on Monday stood at 124.70 feet as against the maximum of 124.80 feet. The inflow was 54,311 cusecs.

At 8 a.m. on Monday, 51,665 cusecs were discharged into the river. Torrential rains in Kodagu, a key catchment area, have increased the inflow into the dam.

The outflow into the river was however reduced in the evening following drop in the inflow. At 8 p.m., the discharge was reduced to 25,450 cusecs. The inflow was 47,434 cusecs.

Meanwhile, boating at the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Mysuru has been closed in view of heavy discharge from the dam.

Deputy Conservator of Forest V. Karikalan told *The Hindu* that the boating has been closed since the last three days.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 18, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- Hindi imposition and its discontents
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Woman critical after bus hits scooter on a bad stretch of road at Rajajinagar

A large pothole appeared on Vatal Nagaraj Road recently following the spell of heavy rains last week; her daughter suffers minor injuries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A mother-daughter duo was injured when a speeding Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus knocked down their scooter when they were reportedly trying to negotiate a potholed stretch of road on the busy Vatal Nagaraj Road near Lulu Mall in Rajajinagar.

The victim, Umadevi, 50, was riding pillion while her daughter Vanitha, 28, was riding the scooter to drop her back home when the accident occurred at around 9.30 a.m. There was a large pothole and a bad stretch of road that appeared recently following the spell of heavy rains in the last week.

The spot where the two riders were seriously injured near Sujata theatre at Rajajinagar in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

As Vanitha was trying to negotiate the bad stretch, the speeding KSRTC bus rammed into the scooter from behind. Vanitha lost control over the vehicle after being knocked down by the bus and the duo fell off the scooter. While Vanitha fell on the left side, her mother Umadevi came under the front portion of the bus and got hit by the foot board and sustained severe injuries on her hip. Passers-by rushed the duo to nearby ESI hospital where Umadevi is being treated at ICU, while Vanitha escaped with minor injuries.

The Malleswaram Traffic Police rushed to the spot and arrested the driver and seized the bus for further investigation. The police also barricaded the bad patch of the road. However, the police said the complaint lodged by Vanitha only alleges negligence by the KSRTC bus and doesn't mention the condition of the road.

Protest held

Activists from Aam Aadmi Party and Karnataka Rashtra Samithi held a protest at the accident site around the pothole and the bad stretch of the road, condemning the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for the shoddy condition of the roads in the city and alleged large scale corruption in civic works, including in pothole filling in the city.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said they were waiting for the probe by the Bengaluru Traffic Police to ascertain whether the accident happened owing to the pothole or not.

"We will immediately initiate measures to close the pothole and redo the stretch. The stretch of the road is under the maintenance of Python. Any legal action or compensation to be issued to the victims of the accident will depend on the findings of the probe by the police," he said. The commissioner will inspect the spot on foot on Tuesday.

Rain worsens roads; eyebrows raised over BBMP's pothole count

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The recent spell of rains have only further deteriorated the condition of the city roads with several thousands of new potholes and bad stretches appearing. Several motorists and residents have been complaining and social media is abuzz with photographs and rants against potholes.

Chief civic commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Monday said that as per their data, they had recently closed over 20,000 potholes and as per data there were only over 500 potholes remaining. However, he was quick to add that with rains potholes were being added everyday and the count was an underestimate and said there could be nearly 1,500-200 potholes on major roads in the city and works to close them had been hindered by rains.

The Commissioner's claim has invited smirks from many residents including the Bengaluru Traffic Police officials who are now reporting potholes directly on FixMyStreet app. "We have been reporting nearly 200 potholes on an average everyday. Even a conservative estimate will put the number of potholes at over 10,000," a senior traffic police official told *The Hindu*. But he added that even that would be an undercount, as traffic police report potholes only from main roads where they are posted and several interior roads in residential pockets had also deteriorated badly and that was not being reflected.

Pothole-ridden road between Sangoli Rayanna statue circle to Anand Rao Junction in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Jagadish Reddy, from Varthur Rising, said not only have the roads developed several potholes rendering them unmotorable in Varthur, the irony was that potholes were appearing repeatedly at the same spots they were closed at. Residents of Jalahalli also make the same complaint. "A few potholes in Jalahalli are as deep as seven inches and we have had several minor accidents over the past week, thankfully none of them fatal," said Chaitra R., resident of the area.

The HC had on October 8 pulled up the BBMP for shoddy work in closing potholes and directed them to ensure quality in pothole-filling works. A senior traffic police official said that the civic body must also correct the road topography while filling potholes to ensure water again doesn't stagnate in that spot to ensure potholes do not recur again, but sadly not being done. Amidst criticism over BBMP using temporary fix cold mix to fill pothole, Mr. Giri Nath on Monday indicated even cold mix was not being used. "Now that aggregates have become wet, we are not able to use even cold mix. We are only filling the potholes with stones and sand," he said.

Cybercrime police launch probe into loan apps

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The South East Division cybercrime police have registered two cases against Unauthorized Digital Lending Mobile Loan Apps to crack down on their illegal operations in and around the city.

Based on the instructions from the Director General and Inspector General of Police and the city police commissioner, Nagesh G.N., police officer with the cyber crime police registered two FIRS to launch a probe against the loan app firms operations.

Harassing borrowers

In his complaint, Mr. Nagesh, said that the apps are not only offering instant loans at exorbitant rates but also blackmailing, threatening and harassing borrowers through verbal abuse and morphed photos.

At a recent review meeting, the city police commissioner directed the cyber crime police to initiate a probe and submit a report on the illegal loan app firms operating in the jurisdictions. While some of the firms are operating in the city, others are functioning from outside, a police officer said, adding that the probe has already been launched to identify the locations of such apps to crack down on them.

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Technical glitches: UGNEET aspirants struggle to register

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The registration for UGNEET-2022 started on October 14 and was scheduled to end on October 18. KEA has now extended the deadline till October 20.

Due to the technical problems, thousands of UG-NEET-2022 eligible candidate were struggling to register on the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) website for the medical courses counselling on Monday.

Over 2,000 anxious parents and students thronged KEA to get clarity from concerned authorities. But they alleged that there were none to hear their grievances.

"Since morning we have been trying to register via the KEA website link, but owing to the technical problems we are unable to register. If the registration is not done, the candidates will not be not allowed to take part in the counselling process," one of the candidates said.The registration for UGNEET-2022 started from October 14 and was scheduled to end on October 18. Considering technical glitches, KEA has now extended the deadline till October 20.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA said that, "Earlier, the National Testing Agency (NTA) had provided candidates data along with their mobile numbers. But, this year NTA has provided only candidates list without mobile numbers. So, we are redesigning and simplifying the application. We will resolve all the problems by Tuesday morning."

Drug peddler caught

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Alert railway police on Saturday caught a drug peddler waiting at a railway station. The accused was sitting on a bench with a bag waiting for the crowd to reduce.

Animesh Bera, 34, caught the attention of MD Purushtoham, the railway policeman on duty on Saturday afternoon. Purushotham was assigned to keep tab on any suspicious passengers of Prashanthi Express who were possibly involved in smuggling contraband. Bera started behaving suspiciously the policeman approached him and asked him to show his bag. After a few minutes of hesitation, he found two bundles of taped packages and several rounds of newspapers. Further inquiries revealed that the bundles contained 4 kg of marijuana worth ₹63,000.

The accused was booked under NDPS Act, 1985, and taken into custody to ascertain his network.

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Commodity fetishism: how products of labour attain mystical features

A Marxist theory that explains how inanimate objects under capitalism, get alienated from the labour and production process and achieve fantastical powers. In modern society, this is further accentuated by the use of brand names over quality or use-value of the product

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Introduced in the first chapter of Karl Marx's most ambitious project, *Das Kapital*, or *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy*, Marx applied his analysis of commodities in capitalism to society as a whole through the concept of commodity fetishism. The term describes how the social relationships of production and exchange among people take the form of relationships between things (money and commodities) under capitalism.

The term fetishism in anthropology refers to the belief among indigenous cultures of inanimate objects (such as totems) possessing godly or mystical powers. Marx separates the religious connotation of the term and uses it to understand how commodities possess mystical powers once in the market as it severs ties with the production process.

The value of a commodity

The concept explains that a commodity has different values. In its physical state, an object has a purpose or utility which Marx describes as the use value. Since the production of an object requires the labour of producers, the value of the labour adds to the value of the object. Finally, when the object reaches the market, it has an exchange value which is the monetary value attached to the product. As long as an object is attached to its use-value, it remains an ordinary thing. But when it comes to the market as a commodity, it attains fantastical powers and mystical features.

Marx explains that the production and distribution of an object build or renew social relations – the relation between an employer who hires employees who work to create the object, the distributor who supplies raw materials for the production, the transport facility that takes raw materials to the factories and brings the finished product to the market and finally the relation between the consumer and the seller of the product.

Social relations under capitalism

Under capitalism, these social relations and the production process become invisible to the consumer as it is a private process. And though an object's potential is only realised when it is exchanged as a commodity in the market (a place where it becomes social), the interaction between individuals is replaced by the interaction between commodity and money, (which is also a product of sold labour) which is the universal equivalent for exchange. Thus, the commodity is devoid of any signs of labour put into its creation. This is unique to capitalism.

According to Marx, such a system did not exist before as the foundation of a feudal society was based on the relations of personal dependence. He explains that the serfs and the lords, the laymen and the clerics, were all dependent on each other and this was visible in the exchange between them. It was labour and not an abstract universal equivalent that was transacted. Individuals with various roles confronted each other and the performance of their labour were visible in all events and not disguised as social relations between things, which were the products of labour.

So, if not the labour and time put into its production, what exactly does the consumer or the potential buyer equate the commodity to?

Consumerism and brand fetishism

While monetary value is attached to each and every product, one must also look at how the exchange value or the price of a product depends on brand names and price tags rather than the quality or the use-value of the product. In modern society, as consumption becomes a status symbol, lesser and lesser significance is attached to the use-value of the commodity. The products sell an image of the consumer to others. So, the higher the exchange value of the product, the more attractive it seems to the potential buyer. Luxury and sophistication are associated with a commodity and through brand endorsements, products seem to attain luxurious, magical characteristics. Commodities are associated with Godly figures or celebrities, removing any trace of social relations of labour attached to them, making them desirable as an object of envy among consumers.

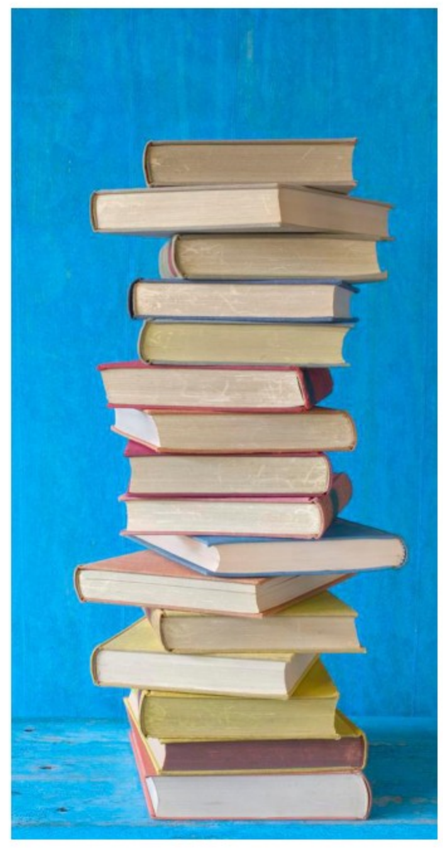
How labour is alienated

Take the example of perfume. Though a luxury product even in feudal society, the interaction between the customers and artisans was direct. It was an ancestral occupation and artisans took pride in the intrinsic work put into the making of these fragrant products.

But in a consumerist society, the process of production and the exploitation of labour and labourers are forgotten and replaced by the brand and the price tag of the product. And sadly, the workers cannot take pride in their products as they become invisible and are alienated from the commodity to the extent that in most cases they cannot even afford it.

When one thinks of a Chanel No.5 perfume, for instance, one does not associate the perfume with the flower pickers and the people who extracted, pressed, steamed and burned the oil or the people who preserved and helped in the ageing process of the scent. It is also not linked to the employer who hired these workers and the time and effort involved in the labour process. Furthermore, it is neither associated with the perfume bottle manufacturers who pack the timeless scent into tiny pretty bottles nor the transporters who distribute the raw materials to the factory and take finished products to luxury shops or malls (market). Finally, the salesperson who markets the product as a precious commodity is also not affiliated with the product.

What comes to mind when one thinks of the Chanel No.5 perfume is either the image of the Chanel brand symbol, the image of Marilyn Monroe, the face of Chanel who in an interview *with Life Magazine* in April 1952, said that she only wears the perfume to bed, or the extravagant lifestyle one associates with the expensive scent. In capitalist society, though the value of a product is dependent on the exploitation of human labour, market forces gain precedence and consumers are made to believe that commodities exist independent of individuals. Consequently, consumers are oblivious to the concept of wage theft and exploitation of labour, or the physical and psychological hardship of the people involved in the production process.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

What is the difference between 'would' and 'used to', sir?"

" 'Used to' can be used to express states and also actions. 'Would' is generally used to express actions.

He used to be cheerful.

He used to be proud.

You can't use 'would' in these sentences to express the same meaning. You can say 'He used to sit there for hours'. In this sentence you can replace 'used to' by 'would'. 'He would sit there for hours.' But when there is no sense of habit or recurrence, you do not use 'would'. Where there is discontinuance of an action, 'used' is used and not 'would'.

He used to live in Calcutta.

He used to be a great speaker.

There used to be a temple here.

I used to live nearby.

My health is not what it used to be.

Also 'used to' expresses the contrast between the past and the present. 'Would' refers only to habitual past action."

"Who is a gate crasher, sir?"

"A gate crasher is 'an uninvited intruder at a party'. He crashes into the party without any invitation. Gate crashers also try to force their way into athletic and similar events without payment. The term 'gate crasher' was originally applied to those who tried to get into concerts or sports events by smashing down barriers. To 'gate crash' means 'to engage in gate crashing'.

He gate crashed into the wedding.

He is a professional gate crasher."

"What is the meaning of 'He drove home the point effectively', sir?"

" 'To drive home something' means 'to cause something to be understood fully'.

He drove home the message that the company wasn't doing well.

He drove home the point that she was thoroughly inefficient.

He drove home the fact that he was thoroughly unpopular."

"What is the meaning of 'advisedly', sir?"

" 'Advisedly' means 'intentionally' or 'deliberately'. 'He did it advisedly' means that he did it deliberately. It does not mean that he did it after taking or seeking advice."

"How do you pronounce 'exist', sir?"

"It is pronounced 'igzist'. The 'e' in the word is pronounced like the I in 'bit' and X is pronounced 'gz' and the 'g' is pronounced like the 'g' in 'give'. So the pronunciation is 'igzist'. The stress is on the second syllable 'zist'. Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

As the National Congress of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) is in progress, here's a quiz on and related to prominent Chinese leaders

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

What was formed by two intellectuals Chen Dixiu and Li Dazhao between July 23 and 31, 1921 in Shanghai, and of which Chen was elected general secretary in absentia, a position he held till 1928?

QUESTION 2

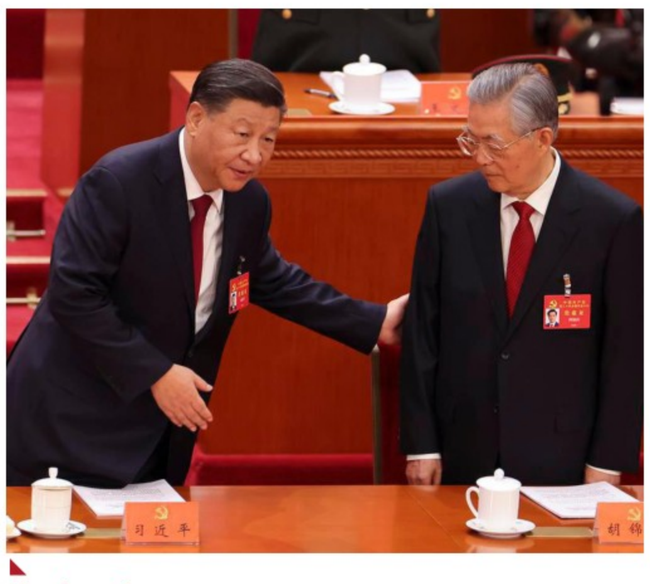
This German journalist and a partyman of the Communist Party of Germany was one of the members who participated in the "Long March", the military retreat that was undertaken by the Red Army of the CPC to escape attacks by the Nationalist Army of the Kuomintang in 1934-35. Name him.

QUESTION 3

Still considered as one of most beloved leaders in China, this person, according to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping (as quoted by *New York Times*) had "sometimes [been] forced to act against his conscience in order to minimise the damage [caused by Mao Zedong]". Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger described him as "equally at home in philosophy, reminiscence, historical analysis, tactical probes, humorous repartee..". Name him

QUESTION 4

During the disastrous Cultural Revolution, this leader along with President Liu Shaoqi, was ridiculed for being "a capitalist roader". He was purged from leadership positions and sent to the rural Jiangxi province to work as a regular worker. He later rose to become de facto leader of the Chinese nation-state from 1978 to 1989. Name him.



Visual question:

Name the leader being greeted by Xi Jinping, and who served as the President of China. GETTY IMAGES

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. One of the capitals of this American country is located at 11,942 feet. **Ans: La Paz and Bolivia**

2. The local name of this Asian capital city is Krung Thep Maha Nakhon. **Ans: Bangkok**

3. The month and year in which New Delhi was inaugurated as the nation's capital. **Ans: February 1931**

4. The common link between Monaco, Mexico, Djibouti and São Tomé and Príncipe. **Ans: The capital cities of these nations bear the same name as the country**

5. The layout of this African capital city is in the shape of the Union Jack. **Ans: Khartoum**

6. Funafuti and Ouagadougou are the capital cities of this country. **Ans: Tuvalu and Burkina Faso**

7. The 'Venetian Walls' surround this European capital city. Ans: Nicosia

Visual: In this capital, we see this iconic structure. **Ans: Berlin. This is the Brandenburg Gate**

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Word of the day

Subterfuge:
Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity

Synonyms:
deceit, deception, a blind

Usage:
The reporter used subterfuge and bluff to get the material for the exclusive.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/subterfugepro

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Civic activists oppose flyover on Ballari Road

Six years after human chain was formed against steel flyover, project revived in new form again

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Six years ago, on October 16, thousands of citizens and activists got on the street to form a human chain to oppose the construction of the steel flyover between Chalukya (Basaveshwara) Junction to Hebbal. The project was dropped after public backlash.

Today, as the civic body under a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regime, which then in Opposition opposed the steel flyover, brings back the proposal, civic groups at the forefront of opposition to steel flyover, are again angry that the project is being revived.

They unanimously say that an alternate road to the airport and fixing bottlenecks on Ballari Road, along with improved public transport facilities will work better for the stretch than any flyovers.

"With all the damage that has already been done, this will be another dagger in the heart of the city. We have to consider the environmental cost and the future opportunity cost. Flyovers and road widenings are no longer considered to be interventions to reduce traffic anywhere in the world. We already have 54 flyovers in the city and how will an extra one solve the problems," said Srinivas Alavilli, with Janaagraha, then at the forefront of Citizens for Bengaluru, who opposed steel flyover and advocated for public transport – suburban rail and buses.

Members of Resident Welfare Associations and others forming a human chain opposing the construction of the 6.72 km steel flyover between Hebbal and Basaveshwara Circle, at a campaign initiated by Citizens Against Steel Flyover, a citizen's movement, in Bengaluru in October 2016.

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> **SRINIVAS ALAVILLI**
> Janaagraha

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> **TARA KRISHNASWAMY**
> Citizens for Bengaluru

Lack of options

Activists question why even after over a decade of the inauguration of the airport, there are no public transportation options to the airport, except for BMTC buses. They pointed out the slow progress of the metro as well as suburban rail projects which could reduce the traffic congestion along the airport road.

"Traffic is not the problem in the city, it is the inadequate public transport. It was a bad idea six years ago and it is a bad idea today. What we need is suburban rail and metro connectivity to the airport," said activist Tara Krishnaswamy, also from CfB.

Other issues

Conceding that Ballari Road needs fixing bottlenecks, transport expert Sanjeev V. Dyamannanavar said the biggest problem was that there were no uniform lane widths, which needs to be corrected immediately.

"At the Windsor Manor junction, traffic comes from six lanes, but there is only a two-lane road. The bridge there either has to be rebuilt or the flyover near BDA should be redesigned. The bureaucracy needs to consider all of these things before taking up such a huge project," he said.

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INBRIEF

Five digital banking units of Canara Bank launched by PM

Five Digital Banking Units (DBUs) of Canara Bank in different States are among the 75 Digital Banking Units that were dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 16 at a virtual event. Canara Bank has established five state-of-the-art DBUs in Bengaluru Rural (Devanahalli) and Raichur in Karnataka, Ernakulum in Kerala, Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu, and Lakshadweep.

Increase in quota for SC/STs is to uphold justice: CM

The government has taken a decision to hike reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to uphold social justice, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Addressing a group of SC/ST Community leaders of Karkala Assembly constituency led by Energy, Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar here on Monday, he said the demand to hike reservation has been pending for the last 50 years. Mr. Bommai said this decision will ensure social justice to oppressed classes in the society, which are denied of education and employment.

Confidentiality law can't deprive people from knowing reasons for blocking their tweets: Twitter

'Rule 16 of Information Technology Rules, 2009, which stipulates maintaining confidentiality of requests to block contents, the complaints and the actions taken, is applicable to all except those against whom the blocking orders are issued'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Microblogging platform Twitter on Monday argued before the High Court of Karnataka that the reasons recorded by the authorities to block tweets or accounts has to be communicated to the persons and organisations against whom blocking orders are issued.

The Rule 16 of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, which stipulates maintaining the confidentiality of requests to block contents, the complaints and the actions taken, is applicable to all except those against whom the blocking orders are issued, Senior Advocate Ashok Haranahalli said on behalf of Twitter.

Laws abroad

Earlier, Senior Advocate Arvind Datar, who also represented Twitter, submitted the details of laws existing in the U.S., U.K., European Union, and Australia on controlling online contents.

Mr. Datar pointed out that the law in the U.S. does not interfere with the content as its Constitution guarantees absolute freedom and the online contents become illegal only when they violate any other laws.

He also pointed out that Australia's Online Safety Act, 2021 is a bit complicated and it authorises eSafety Commissioner appointed under this law to ensure blocking of only materials that promote, incite or depict abhorrent violent conduct, and such orders are appealable before a tribunal. In India, Mr. Datar said there is no such provision for appeal but one has to knock the doors of the High Courts.

To a query by Justice Krishna S. Dixit, who is hearing Twitter's petition against several blocking orders, Mr. Datar said that Information Technology Act, 2000, under which the blocking rules have been framed, has reference to a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which in 1997 had adopted a model law on electronic commerce.

Hegde's plea rejected

Meanwhile, Justice Dixit on Monday rejected an application filed by Sanjay Hegde, a senior advocate, seeking court's permission to be part of Twitter's petition.

It was pointed out to the court on behalf of Mr. Hegde that he had filed a petition against Twitter in Delhi High Court for suspending his Twitter account, and Twitter had taken a contention contrary to its claim in its petition before the High Court of Karnataka.

Also, both the Twitter and Union government have referred to their affidavits filed in his petition in Delhi High Court in the present proceedings. However, Justice Dixit rejected the application stating that Mr. Hegde is not an appropriate party to Twitter's petition against the Union government.

Victims' statements in Murugha seer case recorded

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

In a development related to the POCSO case in connection with alleged sexual harassment of minor girls by Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, the statements of two more persons were recorded before the local court in Chitradurga on Monday.

According to Superintendent of Police of Chitradurga, the statements of one of the victim girls and her mother were recorded before the First Additional District and Sessions Court of Chitradurga under CrPC 164 Section.

Team in Mysuru

This apart, a three-member team of Chitradurga police went to Mysuru and recorded the statements of a 38-year-old complainant and her children under Section 161 of CrPC. The complainant and the minor girls have been sheltered by Odanadi Samsthe in Mysuru.

They are likely to be brought to Chitradurga by the police as their statements should be recorded before the court under Section 164 of CrPC. The recording of statements is likely to be completed in a couple of days, sources said.

In a related development, accused number 6 and 7 in the FIR of the second case registered under POCSO in Mysuru, have moved court seeking anticipatory bail.

The accused filed their anticipatory bail petition before the First Additional District and Sessions Court in Chitradurga on Monday.

Rahul casts vote at Sanganakallu booth near Ballari

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi exercising his franchise in the AICC presidential poll at a polling station in Sanganakallu near Ballari on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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BALLARI

Congress leader and former president of All India Congress Committee (AICC) Rahul Gandhi, who has been leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra for the last one month, cast his vote in the AICC presidential election at Sanganakallu on the outskirts of Ballari district, where he has been staying for the last two days, on Monday.

A special polling booth was set up at the Bharat Jodo Yatra camp by converting a mobile meeting room container to facilitate eligible voters, who were walking with Mr. Gandhi, to exercise their franchise.

National Coordinator of Bharat Jodo Yatra Digvijaya Singh, AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala, Congress Communication Department head Jairam Ramesh, Lok Sabha member D.K. Suresh, All India Mahila Congress president Netta D'souza, and Kanhaiya Kumar were other prominent leaders who cast their votes at the Sanganakallu polling station. As many as 53 voters exercised their franchises in the booth.

Kiran Mugabasav served as Returning Officer and Lok Sabha member Jothimani worked as the overall in-charge of polling at the Sanganakallu polling station.

Visit to jeans unit

Soon after exercising his franchise, Mr. Gandhi, along with Ballari Rural MLA B. Nagendra, left for a visit to a few jeans and readymade garment manufacturing units at Cowl Bazaar.

He also interacted with a couple of women who stitch jeans from their home tailoring units.

He inquired them about the many issues involved in the business - the procurement of raw material, the cost of producing a jeans and the margin of profit, the number of jeans a woman stitches a day, her total monthly income and so on.

Congress leaders confident of Kharge's victory

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Congress presidential candidate M. Mallikarjun Kharge casting his vote at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Congress presidential candidate M. Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar were among 501 delegates of the Congress who exercised their franchise on Monday in the elections for the post of AICC president at the party office here.

Out of total 503 delegates, 501 exercised their franchise. Only two delegates - Nivedith Alva and Prashanth Deshpande could not cast their votes owing to some personal reasons, sources said.

Mr. Kharge and MP Shashi Tharoor are two candidates in the fray for the elections. After voting, Congress leaders expressed confidence that Mr. Kharge would become the president of the party.

Senior leader K. Rahman Khan, who is suffering from COVID-19, authorised the election officer to cast the vote on his behalf by indicating him about his choice, Mr. Shivakumar said.

Speaking to reporters after casting his vote, Mr. Kharge said he would not comment till declaration of election results on October 19. "Let us see what happens in the ballot box," he said, when asked about State leaders who supported him for the top post. Mr. Kharge said he spoke to his opponent Mr. Tharoor and wished him.

"Both of us are contesting to strengthen Congress to build a stronger and better nation for the future generations," Mr. Kharge said in a tweet.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said Mr. Kharge would win by a huge margin. "Mr. Kharge is a veteran leader who has been loyal to the Congress for the past five decades. I am confident that all votes in Karnataka would be cast in his favour," he said.

CM tells DCs, CEOs to address grievances related to land

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Monday directed Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) to dispose of pending cases related to allotment of lands under the Bagair Hukum scheme, crop insurance, crematory grounds, and take steps to bring down infant mortality rate (IMR) and maternal mortality rate (MMR) in the State.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai chaired a day-long meeting with DCs and CEOs of ZPs and told them to focus on bringing down IMR in the State from the present 2% (around 20 per 1,000 live births) to a single digit.

The IMR and MMR was much lower in the State, except for 5-6 districts, which have dragged the State's health sector down a bit compared to neighboring States.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy briefed the outcome of the meeting and said DCs have been told to visit taluk offices once in a month and respond to the complaints made by the public. DCs have been instructed to involve Assistant Commissioners who are less burdened with the work to reduce pendency of cases in the Revenue Department related to land allotment, khata change, and regularisation of lands being cultivated by small farmers.

On the issue of Ayushman cards, officials have been told to take emergency measures for distribution of cards to at least 90% of the targeted population as mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They have also been told to look into farmers' complaints of crop insurance amounts.

On Jal Jeevan Mission, Mr. Madhuswamy said the government has been spending ₹9,000 crore and the district administration has been told to expedite the implementation of the scheme on a mission mode and complete work to ensure supply of potable drinking water by December-January.

The officials have been told to write to the Centre to include construction of school buildings and drainages under the MGNREGA. The Chief Minister would take up the issue later with the Union Ministry concerned later, Mr. Madhuswamy said.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Bommai told DCs to take timely decisions which will help people and suggested they work with calm mind and time sense.

JD(S) campaign on flag

The Hindu Bureau
BALLARI

The JD(S) has decided to launch a campaign to ensure that Kannada flags are hoisted on all houses of the State on November 1 to mark Kannada Rajyotsava.

Disclosing this to mediapersons in Bengaluru on Monday, JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said he had convened a meeting of the party legislators on Wednesday to discuss the nature of the proposed campaign.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, our client is proposing to acquire rights in the Schedule Property, (excluding an extent of land measuring 550 square meters, which has been acquired by National Highway Authority of India) from its owner, Gokaldas Exports Apparel and Textile Park (P) Limited.

Any person having any subsisting claim, right, title or interest, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner including by way of easement, beneficial interest or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any Court or Authority or arbitrator, *lis-pendens*, power of attorney, bequest, FSI, development rights, partnership, family arrangement or settlement or otherwise encumbrance howsoever ("**Claim**"), are hereby requested to respond with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claim exists and if it existed, the claimant has relinquished such Claim and/or waived their right to exercise such Claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item Property I:
All that piece and parcel of converted land measuring 16895.63 square meters (equivalent to 181796.9788 square feet or 4 acres 7 guntas), earlier in the jurisdiction of Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayat, bearing Property No 152900200402020118 and Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayat Property No 379/214 and presently in the jurisdiction of Harohalli Panchayath, formed in Survey No 7/1 of Gabbadi also called as Hosagabbadi Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, and bounded on the-

East By : Land in Survey No 7/2;
West By : Road;
North By : Land in Survey No 20;
South By: Land in Survey Nos 6/1A 6/2B and 8/2.

Item Property II:
All that piece and parcel of converted land measuring 34297.11 square meters (equivalent to 369036.9036 square feet or 8 acres 19 guntas) earlier in the jurisdiction of Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayat, bearing Property No 152900200402020117 and Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayat Property No 378/213 and presently in the jurisdiction of Harohalli Panchayath, formed in Survey Nos 6/1A, 6/1B, 6/2A, 6/2B, 8/1, and 8/2 of Gabbadi also called as Hosagabbadi Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, and bounded on the-

East By : Land in Survey Nos 9 and 10;
West By : Road;
North By : Land in Survey Nos 7/1 and 7/2;
South By: Land in Survey Nos 4, 5, and 9.

From out of the Schedule Property an extent of land measuring 550 square meters in Survey Nos 6/1A, 6/1B and 7/1, has been acquired by National Highway Authority of India.

Dated this 17th October 2022

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No: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12823/Call-2 Dt: 15.10.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal of GoK only)

KPCL invites bids through GoK e-Procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for **"Monetization of Carbon Credits (CERs-Certified Emission Reduction) of Commitment Period 1 (CP1) & Commitment Period 2 (CP2) of the KPCL's 3 MW Projects each at Kolar, Belagavi & Raichur Dist."** The details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Chief Engineer (O&M) YCCPP, KPCL, Near Ananthapura Gate, Doddaballapura Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. e-Mail: eegswkpcl@gmail.com/eegswsolar@gmail.com Landline: 080-28562944/28460974. Mob: 9141607685/9480682821.**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

ADAM CLAPHAM Passed away peacefully on 14 October, aged 82. Beloved brother, uncle and cousin, friend to many. After his long and successful career as a TV Producer for the BBC and his own GRIFFIN PRODUCTIONS he spent much of his retirement in his beautiful house in southern India where he had many more dear friends. Funeral private. A celebration of his life will be announced later.

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No. CBICTITL/CFO/E-Auction-03/12764/2022-23 Date: 17.10.2022

PAPER PUBLICATION

This is to inform that CBIC-Tumakuru Industrial Township Ltd (CBIC-TITL), intends to invest its Surplus Funds in the short term deposits with Nationalized Banks. The details of the quantum of amount and period to be kept in short term deposits are as under:

Sl.No	Public Sector Banks	Days
1	Rs.300.00 Crores	For 6 Months (181 days) in Nationalized Banks.
Each FDs will be issued each in Rs.50.00 Crores.		

The complete details of the E-Auction can be downloaded from the e-portal of the Government of Karnataka at the below address: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Schedule of Various Events For e-Auction is as below :

1) Date of E-Auction can be Downloaded: **18.10.2022**
2) Last Date to upload the Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal: **27.10.2022 on or before 15.00 Hrs.**
3) Date and time of opening: **28.10.2022 after 15.30 Hrs**
4) Live Bidding: **29.10.2022 Commences at 11.00 Hrs. & Concludes at 13.00 Hrs.**

Sd/-
Chief Financial Officer, CBIC-TITL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2648/Zenkar/2022-23

INBRIEF

Post-mortem of tiger at Periyar points to drowning

A post-mortem examination of the tiger that was found dead at a lake in the Periyar Tiger Reserve has attributed the death to drowning. The autopsy revealed that its lungs were not fully functional and it was physically weak. The 10-year-old male tiger, trapped in a cage on the Neymakkad estate, near Munnar, was radio-collared and released in the PTR on October 7. It was found dead inside the reserve on Sunday.

Mandya's 'water warrior' Kame Gowda passes away

Octogenarian farmer Kame Gowda from Dasanadoddi village in Mandya district, who was referred to as a "water warrior" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme a couple of years ago, passed away in the early hours of Monday. The humble shepherd developed 16 lakes on a barren hillock at his village in Malavalli taluk from his savings. Mr. Gowda also planted saplings on the hillock and nurtured them.

SC dismisses Kerala plea on Adani operating airport

State accuses Centre of preferring private players; court notes that the Adani Group took over 'operation, management and development' of the airport since October 2021 through a bid

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on October 17, 2022, dismissed Kerala government's petition challenging the Centre's decision to hand over the operations of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport to the Adani group. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit reasoned that the bid offered by the Adani Enterprises Limited for every domestic passenger was ₹168, that is, 20% above the ₹135 offer given by the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation.

The court also noted that the private entity had already taken over "operation, management and development" of the airport from the Airport Authority of India (AAI) since October 2021. The Bench noted that the employees were given the choice to either stay with the AAI or switch over to service of the private entity. On Kerala's request, the court kept open the issue of State ownership of the airport land.

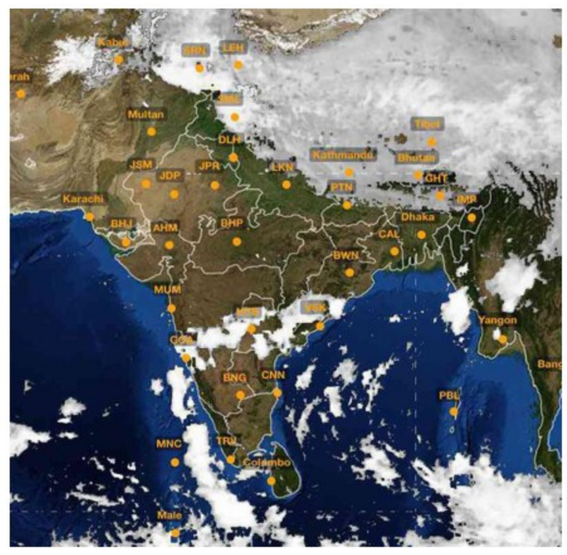
Holding reins: Adani Group has already taken over 'operation and development' of the airport. S. MAHINSHA

The State had alleged that preference was given by the Centre to a private concessionaire like Adani, which has no experience in the field of managing airports, smacks of arbitrariness.

In its appeal, the State, represented by senior advocate C.U. Singh and C.K. Sasi, argued that the Kerala High Court had favoured the handover of the vital facility to a private entity though it was not in the interest of better management of the airport.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.1	25.2	Kozhikode	0.1	32.6	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.8	20.8	Kurnool	—	34.2	24.0
Aizawl	—	—	18.8	Lucknow	—	31.6	21.2
Allahabad	—	33.4	20.4	Madurai	—	31.2	24.5
Bengaluru	19	28.5	19.7	Mangaluru	0.7	31.0	24.2
Bhopal	—	30.9	19.0	Mumbai	—	34.5	25.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	24.2	Mysuru	18	31.0	19.4
Chandigarh	—	32.7	18.8	New Delhi	—	32.5	17.5
Chennai	11	32.9	24.8	Patna	—	32.1	21.0
Coimbatore	1	31.1	23.2	Port Blair	2	29.8	24.5
Dehradun	—	30.0	17.4	Puducherry	23.5	33.0	23.4
Gangtok	—	21.8	13.5	Pune	3.7	30.0	22.5
Goa	0.1	32.4	24.1	Raipur	12.2	33.8	24.4
Guwahati	—	33.5	24.2	Ranchi	—	28.6	22.0
Hubballi	—	28.0	21.0	Shillong	—	24.9	15.6
Hyderabad	4	30.6	21.4	Shimla	—	21.6	11.4
Imphal	—	31.3	17.9	Srinagar	—	26.6	7.4
Jaipur	—	33.0	19.2	Thiruvananthapuram	23	29.5	23.6
Kochi	5	29.4	25.2	Tiruchi	—	31.5	24.4
Kohima	—	23.7	13.5	Vijayawada	—	32.4	25.4
Kolkata	—	32.9	24.6	Visakhapatnam	—	33.0	26.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.92	107	.13	...112	...156	
Bengaluru	...7	..17	.45	70	57	
Chennai	...8	..21	109	15	14	
Delhi	..—	..81	.38	...303	...315	
Hyderabad	...3	..19	.37	48	57	
Kolkata	.17	..27	.30	87	97	
Lucknow	.11	..74	.65	...125	...149	
Mumbai	.15	148	.66	71	...167	
Pune	..—	..18	.56	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.30	..31	.33	.....—	53	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Meerut, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 333 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Satna, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Governor cannot dismiss a Minister'

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

No Governor can dismiss an individual Minister from a State Cabinet unless recommended by the Chief Minister, said P.D.T. Achary, former Secretary General of Lok Sabha, on Monday.

Responding to the controversial tweet of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Mr. Achary said though the Governor is the appointing authority of the Chief Minister, he cannot appoint any person of his choice as a State Minister. A State Minister can be appointed only on the recommendation of the Chief Minister and if a Minister has to be removed from the post, it can only be on the advice of the Chief Minister, he said. Incidentally, responding to the criticism by some of the Cabinet Ministers, the Governor had tweeted that the "statements of individual Ministers that lower the dignity of the office of the Governor, can invite action."

Many similarities in culture of Karnataka and Maharashtra: CJ

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Describing Karnataka as a land of peace and cultural diversity, literature, and music, High Court of Karnataka's newly appointed Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale on Monday said that there are many similarities in the culture of Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Chief Justice Varale, who served as judge of the High Court of Bombay since 2008 till his election as Chief Justice on the High Court of Karnataka, also said that major portion of the areas of both the States were under the same empires during the rule of Kadambas, Chalukya, Rashtrakutas and Marathas.

"I am honoured to be the Chief Justice of Karnataka, the land of peace and cultural diversity, literature, music, painting. This land [Karnataka] is the abode of great saints.... Kannada Naada Geete mentions that this land as garden of peace for all communities where people following different religions live together with harmony," he said while replying to traditional welcome address given to him by the Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) before the Full Court.

Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale being felicitated in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Linked to Karnataka

Chief Justice Varala, who had his education and practice as a lawyer in Maharashtra, was not only born in Nippani of Belagavi district but is also the "son-in-law of Karnataka" as his wife hails from Karnataka, said KSBC Chairperson Motakpalli Kashinath while pointing out that the new Chief Justice may not find State's language as a hurdle in the administration of justice.

Mr. Kashinath said that Chief Justice Varale's grandfather was a close associate of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his family, and had shifted to Aurangabad from Nippani on Dr. Ambedkar's request.

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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No: KERC/DD(TRN)/Y/02/2022/1084 Date: 17-10-2022

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sub: The Draft "KERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

The Commission has published the draft "KERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2022, seeking Objections / Suggestions / Views from Stakeholders and Interested Persons. The above draft was published in the Karnataka Gazette on 27-09-2022 and stakeholders need to submit their Objections / Suggestions / Views within 21 days from the date of the publication in the gazette.

Meanwhile, the Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the matter **on 03-11-2022 in the Court Hall of the Commission at 11.00 AM.** Stakeholders / Interested Persons may participate in the hearing and submit their views in person before the Commission. The above draft Regulations are available on the KERC's Website: **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary
For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/2636/2022-23

Form No. INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another.
Before the Central Government
The Regional Director, South East Region, Hyderabad
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of **M/s. KNAB Finance Advisors Private Limited**
CIN: U65100KA2015PTC083383
having its registered office at: No. L 127, 4th Main, 14th Cross, VI Sector, HSR Layout Bangalore - 560102, Karnataka ...Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 22nd June, 2022 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from the **"State of Karnataka"** to **"National Capital Territory of Delhi".**

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the Registered Office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by Registered Post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to **The Regional Director at the address 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068,** Telangana within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of
KNAB Finance Advisors Private Limited
Sd/-
Mandeep Chaudhary
Managing Director
DIN: 07356985

Date : 18.10.2022
Place: Bengaluru

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP Office,
Near Chowdeshwari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054.

No: EE/RRND/Tend/07/2022-23 Date: 14-10-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Single Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible registered Contractors in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of work detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Desilting, Improvements of Drains and Other Cross Drainage Works at Flood affected Areas in Ward No. 42, Lakshmidevi Nagara. **(Call-2)**	**40.00**	**80,000/-**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 17-10-2022 Onwards. 2)** Tenders must be Uploaded online through the e-Procurement Portal **on or before 4.00 PM on 27-10-2022. 3)** Date of Opening of Tender is **28-10-2022 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BBMP.

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RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

BESCOM invites tender for the following **BESCOM/GM (A&HR) /BC-50/2535/02/2022-23 dated: 17.10.2022.** For providing The Group personal Accident Insurance to all the Employees/ Officers of BESCOM for a period of one year. Date of pre-bid meeting **20.10.2022 @ 11:30** Hours. Last Date for Receipt of Bid Document **27.10.2022.** upto **16.00** Hours. Opening of Bid Document **29.10.2022 @ 16.30** Hours. The Tenders can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For all clarification about e-payment contact e-procurement helpdesk. For Tender related clarifications contact: 080 22258788.

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Sd/-
General Manager (A&HR), BESCOM

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PANCHAYATHRAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION
RAMANAGARA.

Short Term Tender Notification No.: 12EE/PRED/RMG/AE/ 2022-23/1239-48 Date : 12-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-procurement System)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara, invites the Itemwise tender. **Contractors registered in KPWD, enrolled in PRED/PWD Licence for the works and goods under Head of Account Tender Maximam Amount Rs. 99.80 Lakhs, Tender Minimum Amount Rs. 65.60 Lakhs, Last Date for Submission of Tender Dated : 21-10-2022 by 4.00 p.m. Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender Dated : 25-10-2022 by 4.30 p.m. (KW-III) & Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender Dated : 26-10-2022 at 4.30 p.m.** or onwards **(KW-III), For details & further information visit the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Or **Contact this Office in Office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P. R. E. Division, Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/286/Manipal/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
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No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-2,3/RD/5054/Tender/2022-23/2839 Date:17.10.2022

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(KW-3 & 4 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 & 4 through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

Tender Called for 5054-Bilagi Constituency (Rs.12.50 Crore)

Scheme Under Work Indent No: 93426, 93427, 93428, 93429, 93431, 92612, 92619, 93397, 93389, 93390, 93394 read as below.

Calendar of Events

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	Dt:17.10.2022 to 02.11.2022 at 17.30pm
2	Opening of Technical Bid Date	Dt: 04.11.2022 at 11.00am
3	Opening of Financial Bid Date	After approval of Technical bid.

Note:-More details can be obtained through website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

SD/-Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-514/MCA/2022-23

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-2/2022-23/14159-61 Date: 14.10.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against the following **Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-230 Vandaraguppe (call-2) for providing additional 1x8 MVA,** 66/11kV Power transformer along with 11 kV switchgear and capacitor bank at **66/11 kV Vandaragruppe Sub-Station** in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District including supply of all materials **(Excluding Power Transformer & 11 kV Switchgear)**/equipment and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into E-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **20.10.2022**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09.
Ph: 080-22282601/602

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(Ballari Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-procurement portal only) (Two Cover System)

Bids are invited through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from qualified agencies for the work of **1) KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent12885/Call-2, dtd: 15.10.2022** for **"Replacing of the existing old lift with a new Rack and Pinion lift of 1000kgs capacity along with Design, Manufacturing, Transportation, Storing, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and handing over of one No. of lift including one year free maintenance at Unit #1 Secondary Crusher House(SCH), BTPS". 2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_ Indent13034, dtd: 13.10.2022** for **Providing and Erection of Guide Supports / Brackets for ThyssenKrupp lift installed at Technical Building at BTPS.** Last date and time for submission of bids (For Sl. No.1): **21.11.2022 upto 17:00 hrs**. (For Sl. No.2): **14.11.2022 upto 17:00 hrs**. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-1),** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583 152. Ballari dist. Mob: 9448290572.

Tread carefully

Price, growth trends need to be watched closely before raising interest rates

India's latest inflation data present policymakers with a fraught choice: whether to respond to the latest acceleration in retail price gains to a five-month high with more sizeable interest rate increases, or pause the monetary tightening so as to allow fragile growth to gain more traction. Inflation figures based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) show retail price gains on a resurgent trajectory with food prices leading the charge. Vegetables and cereals were the biggest culprits, with the prices of the former surging 18% from a year earlier and rising a substantial 2.6% from the preceding month; staple grains, including rice and wheat, climbed 11.5% from September 2021 and increased 2% from August levels. These two food items have a combined weight of 15.7% in the overall CPI and account for more than a third of the food and beverages category's cumulative weight. Rice prices have continued to rise in the face of a projected 6% shortfall in *kharif* output, the Government's efforts to ease supply through export curbs on non-Basmati rice notwithstanding. Heavy rains at the monsoon's tail end have hit vegetable output, causing wholesale level prices to accelerate by an eye-watering 39.7% in September, with month-on-month gains alone exceeding 10%. The forecast for food prices, therefore, remains clouded with uncertainty, at least in the short term, with the risks tilted to the upside.

The rupee's continuing depreciation against the dollar has further roiled the outlook for price stability, with imported inflation hard to counter through monetary measures. As RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra noted in the central bank's Monetary Policy Committee meeting last month, that India is a 'net commodity importer, with over a third of the CPI being imported' complicates policymaking, especially when the terms of trade turn unfavourable. Also, with five of the six services categories registering sequential inflation as well, it is hard to disagree with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das's argument that policy must be aimed at preventing price pressures from broadening. Still, with the latest private sector output trends in S&P Global's survey-based manufacturing and services PMI data for September flagging a renewed slowdown, and a looming global recession pointing to a decline in demand for India's exports, the outlook for growth appears tenuous. Given that monetary policy affects real interest rates with a distinct lag, it may be a difficult but wiser choice to heed the MPC's dissenting voices of Ashima Goyal and Jayanth Varma and refrain momentarily from raising interest rates till the fog of uncertainty lifts and a clearer picture of price and growth trends emerges.

Gone girls

Zero tolerance to violence against women is the only acceptable course

Reported violence against women is the proverbial tip of the iceberg; it conceals more than it reveals. But what it reveals can sometimes shock the collective conscience of a nation, especially a heinous crime that plays out in broad daylight as an assault on a young woman. Last week's incident of violence in Chennai, where college student Sathyapriya was decapitated as a young man pursuing her romantically pushed her in the path of an oncoming train did no less tug at the heartstrings of the public. The incidents of violence against women in train stations in Chennai are following a nearly copycat pattern after Swathi, a young techie was murdered in 2016, in broad daylight by a man, who was again stalking her, in a railway station. In 2021, Swetha, a young college goer was murdered near a suburban train station by a man in a 'troubled relationship' with her. In each of these cases, the inability of the stalker to accept the fact that his overtures were turned down by the girl directly led to the violence. Earlier this month, an eight-year-old girl in Delhi was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered. In September, the bodies of two teenaged girls were found in Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh. Police said they had been strangled with a scarf and hung from a tree after they were raped. Only a few cases hit the headlines or make an impact on social media. Many more go unreported, the massive unseen underbelly of the iceberg.

In the chequered history of handling the many forms of violence against women in India, the horrific Nirbhaya rape of 2012 is a definitive milestone. It rocked the nation with such force that lawmakers rushed to strengthen laws, and put in place systems and infrastructure that were meant to ensure such dreadful incidents are never repeated. However, according to National Crime Records Bureau statistics, a whopping 4,28,278 lakh crimes against women happened in 2021. These included rape, rape and murder, dowry harassment, kidnapping, forced marriage, trafficking, and online harassment. At this juncture, a decade later, it is pertinent to ask if the Government has rolled out all the strategies conceived of and fuelled by the Nirbhaya Fund. Speedy process of trial and resolution resulting in conviction of the accused is a casualty in courts that are flooded with pending cases. The Sustainable Development Goals underline the importance of building safe, resilient and inclusive cities from a gender lens. No slackening on the part of authorities is acceptable when it comes to dealing with violence against women; zero tolerance alone is acceptable.

Today's weapon of choice, its expanding dimensions

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As the 21st century advances, a new danger – the cyber threat – is becoming a hydra-headed monster. It is hardly confined to any one domain though the military is the one most often touted. Rather, it is the civilian sphere where the cyber threat is becoming more all-pervading today and, in turn, a serious menace. It is beginning to have a cascading effect with questions being raised on how this would fit in with our belief in, and need for, a well-regulated world order.

What is most unfortunate is that not enough attention is being bestowed on the 'all-encompassing nature' of the cyber threat. In the wake of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the world seems awash with papers on artificial intelligence (AI)-driven military innovations and 'potential crisis hot zones', along with stray references to new forms of hybrid warfare. But there is very little about the threat posed by cyber attacks. Ignored also is the new reality of the 'weaponisation of everything' which has entered the vocabulary of threats. The latter clearly demands a 'proto-revolutionary' outlook on the part of policymakers, which is evidently lacking. Lost in translation is also the nature of today's weapon of choice, *viz.*, cyber. This lack of awareness is unfortunate at a time when states clearly lack the necessary resilience to face a variety of multi-vector threats.

'Grey zone operations'

'Grey Zone Operations' which fall outside traditional concepts of conflicts have become the new battleground, especially in regard to cyber warfare. 'Grey Zone Operations' are already beginning to be employed to undermine the vitals of a state's functioning, a trend likely to grow. The convergence of emerging technologies alongside new hybrid usages, pose several challenges to nations and institutions.

Cyber space has been described by Lt. Gen. Rajesh Pant (retired), India's current national cyber security coordinator, as a "superset of interconnected information and communication technology, hardware, software processes, services, data and systems". Viewed from this perspective, it constitutes a critical aspect of our national power. Cyber threats are not confined to merely one set of conflicts – such as Ukraine, where no doubt cyber tools are being extensively employed – extending well beyond this and other conflicts of a varied nature. The cyber threat is in this sense all-pervading,embracing many regions and operating on different planes. Hence, dealing with the cyber threat calls for both versatility and imaginative thinking. Demands for a cyber command by the Indian military ignore the widely varying nature of the cyber threat. That a group of United Nations government experts have been deliberating endlessly on how to promote responsible behaviour of states in cyber space, without much success is testimony to the difficulties that prevail.

With non-state actors now engaging in hybrid warfare and distorting day-to-day practices, the world may have to confront a new kind of Wild West

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With each passing day, we confront a new reality, *viz.*, the extent to which exploitation of cyber space by criminally minded elements undermines our everyday world and beliefs. The recent arrest in India, of a Russian for hacking into computers involved in the conduct of examinations for entry into the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), is a reflection of how cyber criminals are significantly amplifying their 'Grey Zone Warfare' tactics. This is, perhaps, the tip of the iceberg for, as a general rule, it takes a long time for the general public to become aware of the nature and consequences of cyber attacks. At first these look like random accidents and it takes sophisticated cyber forensics to understand the contours of such attacks. It may surprise many that the IIT entrance examination should be an area for 'Grey Zone Warfare', but the real surprise should be that the perpetrators could succeed in compromising an examination software system deemed to be among the most secure across the world. Thus, 'Grey Zone Warfare' is set to become the predominant paradigm for the remainder of the century. This adds urgency to erecting proper defences against Grey Zone attacks.

Distorting the entry-level results of the Joint Entrance Examination is a blow to the nation's prestige, apart from creating chaos across the board, since entry into higher educational institutions and entry-level jobs in the country is driven by examinations which employ various kinds of technology. Till now, technology was perceived as a foolproof means to end malpractices, but the recent incident calls into question the veracity of such assumptions. What is even more consequential is that it significantly raises the bar as far as the intensity and scale of cyber attacks on other national assets and infrastructure are concerned, with many more of them coming under still more aggravated assaults.

The extent to which the system has been compromised is terrifying to contemplate, even before the full facts are unearthed. Yet, it has grave implications for the entire spectrum of endeavours that are totally dependent on technologically-driven remote access functioning as a part of their everyday business activity. Niche solutions for such cyber intrusions are available (though little known or used) and it is important that those concerned undertake a leap of faith to install such solutions before the situation goes out of control.

Cyber space battles, dilemmas

It can be argued that there may be nothing radically wrong in highlighting cyber space as essentially a locus of geo-political conflict – the Russia-Ukraine crisis being an instance – but there is much more to the cyber threat than this. In the case of the Russia-Ukraine war, cyber space has become an experiment for various players to try and support a weaker nation against a more powerful opponent, through distortion of information and communication flows, which are considered essential to the success or failure of any war strategy. While Russia may not publicly admit to the fact that it is hurting, with most global information networks being ranged against it and distorting realities, it has certainly added a new cyber dimension to the ongoing conflict. While its effect on the course of the conflict may not be decisive, the potential for mischief is immense. Additionally, distortion by private players of the concept of 'the information super highway' casts a dark shadow over the entire current systems of belief, providing a great deal of fuel for thought – more specifically when such influences turn out to be fake or distorted.

All this again brings to mind shades of the past, when the Cambridge Analytica scandal erupted over the issue of its becoming involved in elections. Similar suspicions again surfaced regarding Facebook's manipulation of personal data. Hence, it is evident that the cyber realm is no longer confined to events such as the Russia-Ukraine war and the battle is now in our own backyards, with several non-state actors engaging in hybrid warfare and distorting day-to-day practices, including examinations. These pose legal, ethical and real dilemmas. Left unchecked, the world may have to confront a new kind of Wild West, before states find a common denominator for regulating cyber space and lay down proper rules and practices to prevent anarchy and chaos.

Recovery analysis that points out what India got wrong

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A recent World Bank report, titled "Correcting Course", captures the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global poverty. The number of people living in extreme poverty rose by seven crore million in 2020, as the global poverty rate rose from 8.4% in 2019 to 9.3% in 2020. This is the first time in two decades that the poverty rate has gone up. Global inequalities have widened, evident in the relative impacts felt on incomes in the richest countries as opposed to the poorest; and, unsurprisingly, economic recovery has been similarly uneven.

The report focuses on fiscal policy as an instrument for governments in dealing with crises such as the pandemic. Poorer countries were unable to use fiscal policy as effectively, and thus unable to offset the impact of the pandemic to a much lesser degree than richer countries. The report identifies three priorities for fiscal policy for governments to aid with post-pandemic recovery: Targeted subsidies that benefit the poor; public investment to build resilience in the long term; and revenue mobilisation that should rely on progressive direct taxation rather than indirect taxes.

The focus on fiscal policy has merit. A recent ODI paper, "Fiscal policy and income inequality: The role of taxes and social spending", aggregates evidence on social spending and taxes from across the world and comes to a similar conclusion regarding the importance of fiscal policy in post-pandemic recovery.

How India fared

So how did India fare? And how does our policy response stack up, given the lessons identified in the reports mentioned above? India's economy continues to be sluggish in 2022, and one should look back at the policy choices that were made back in 2020. The World Bank report relies on the Consumer Pyramids Household Survey (CPHS) by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), in the absence of official poverty data since 2011. By their estimate, 5.6 crore people are likely to have slipped into poverty as India's GDP fell by 7.5% in FY2020-21. The population below poverty line in India stood at 10% in 2020.

Being fiscally conservative resulted in a rise in extreme poverty, with there being no signs of any course correction

Refusal to provide a fiscal stimulus to consumption – the Government announced a fiscal stimulus worth ₹2 lakh crore, or 1% of GDP. However, only a small fraction therein reflected incremental spending. The minor increase to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) wage by ₹20 per day was a long-pending correction and quite inadequate to say the least. The majority of India's stimulus package took the form of credit lines and refinancing schemes to private enterprises, which are an inefficient mechanism to realise the goal of putting money in the hands of people to boost household-level consumption.

A highlight, but no long-term solution

The only saving grace was the announcement that 80 crore people in India would get food aid through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY), a scheme that continues mainly because of the undeniable household-level distress. PMGKAY is currently estimated to cost about ₹3.90 lakh crore. Started in April 2020, it has been extended till the upcoming Assembly elections are over. However, India ranked 107th out of 121 countries in the 2022 Global Hunger Index, demonstrating that food aid is not a long-term solution, and certainly does not solve the problem of chronic malnutrition.

Obtuse tax policies

Then there are befuddling tax policies. Through the pandemic and beyond, India persisted with the reduced corporate tax rate that had been announced in September 2019. The reduction of corporate tax from 30% to 22% cost the exchequer ₹1.84 lakh crore over the last two fiscal years, according to the Parliamentary Committee on Estimates. At the same time, corporate profits soared, as reported by the CMIE. Through all of this, and in spite of the World Inequality Report terming India as a 'poor and very unequal country', India has refused to reintroduce wealth tax, or indeed, an inheritance tax. India has repeatedly increased the rates on a wide range of products covered by the Goods and Services Tax as well as increased the prices of cooking and transport fuels. While indirect taxes may help prop up public finances, they place a disproportionate burden on the poor.

Mandarins within India's economic management establishment often claim that India kept its powder dry in 2020-2021 by being fiscally conservative. They derided the experts who had called for more cash transfers or other similar mechanisms to put more money in the hands of the poor. In the last two years, the often-promised public capital expenditure has not fructified beyond repeated grand announcements. What we can now see is this – the economic mismanagement we were witness to in India resulted in 5.6 crore people slipping into extreme poverty in 2020. And any signs of a course correction are nowhere to be seen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ranking and response

The outright rejection of the Global Hunger Index (GHI), a peer-reviewed, internationally recognised Sustainable Development Goals-aligned annual report, is absurd.

Instead of outright repudiation, the Government would be better placed to take a nuanced and critically engaged standpoint by donning Edward de Bono's white hat.

Realisation should also dawn upon those who matter in the Ministries concerned that key indices are not about ranking member countries on the 'totem pole' of development or to serve as an instrument of one-upmanship. Instead, such indices should be leveraged to bring back laser-focused attention on issues that demand urgent attention such as a correlation between hunger, undernourishment and poverty. World Food Day was a reminder that no one should be left behind when it comes to food.

Nishat Bhatotia,
Gurugram, Haryana

It must not be forgotten that the GHI is a peer-reviewed annual report that endeavours to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional and country levels. The Government's welfare measures might have helped ease the situation of poverty and hunger but global reports are a much-needed reality check. Our food systems need to be re-designed for equity, sustainability and nutrition.

S.K. Khosla,
Chandigarh

The ranking of India is a wake-up call. Claims of higher GDP growth have no meaning for hungry millions and the undernourished. Lopsided economic policy has led to an economic imbalance. The Centre should drop its denial mode and take steps to improve the lot of those who are suffering.

S.V. Venkatakrishnan,
Bengaluru

The country's ranking raises serious questions about the effectiveness of various welfare schemes. And if crores of Indians have been pushed into poverty due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this would worsen India's ranking. Welfare schemes rolled out to address the issues of malnutrition and hunger need to be proactively strengthened through wider allocations and efficient management.

Ajsal E.A.,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

Missteps in the U.K.

Rather than unleash pragmatic economic measures to lift the British economy from its quagmire, British Prime Minister Liz Truss has embarked on policies that seem to be exacerbating economic woes. Her recent decision to remove the Chancellor of the Exchequer while reversing in part the set of policies that shook British and global financial markets is a case in point. It should be noted here that the mini-budget did not inspire confidence among both investors and people alike. Yet, it was robustly defended. While Ms. Truss has rolled back some contentious economic measures, the severity of the cost of living crisis that the economy is finding itself in now warrants her to usher in a policy framework that would ensure fiscal sustainability and preserve macro-economic stability.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

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Judicial comity over arithmetic

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has unanimously held that a judgment delivered by a larger Bench will prevail over the decision of a smaller Bench, irrespective of the number of judges constituting the majority in the larger Bench.

It is well-known in law that the decision of a superior court will always be binding on a lower court and that the decision of a larger Bench will always hold force over a smaller Bench of the same court. This canon of law seeks to ensure that there is stability and consistency in the decisions of the court. This principle stems from the assumption that a Bench with more strength is more likely to arrive at a correct decision.

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Understanding Bench strength

A vast majority of cases before the Supreme Court is heard and decided by a Bench of two judges (Division Bench) or three (full Bench). It is a settled position that a Bench of equal strength cannot overrule or reconsider a decision of a coordinate Bench; it can, at best, doubt the correctness of it. Whenever there is doubt or conflict between decisions of co-equal Benches, it is referred to the Chief Justice of India and this is where larger Benches are constituted. The larger Benches examine the question or correctness of the decision and the majority opinion expressed by them becomes the verdict, which is binding on the lower Benches.

An anomaly here is that a majority decision is treated as the ruling of the entire Bench, including the dissenting judges, that examined the question. This is where the problem originates. If the correctness of a law laid down unanimously by a five-judge Bench is doubted, could it be overruled by four judges of a seven-judge Bench? Could it be said that the four judges of the larger Bench arrived at the correct decision and not the five judges of the smaller Bench?

The Supreme Court, while considering the same question, held that if the number of judges is to have salience and not Bench strength, then every decision of a larger bench could be doubted and overruled on the ground of plurality of opinions, thereby toppling the certainty and stability of decisions. The observation holds some rationale, as even in a study, the one with the larger sample space (larger Bench) is assumed to reflect a correct outcome over a study with a smaller sample space. This is the underlying raison d'être for the Rule of Precedents.

However, a blanket adherence to the Doctrine of Precedents as enunciated by the Supreme Court can have serious consequences, as the correctness of a decision would become a game of numbers rather than reasons. The Supreme Court justified the binding nature of the larger Bench's view saying that this view was arrived at after deliberation by more judges. But just because a decision was considered by more judges does not mean that it is correct and it certainly would not be perceived to be correct. In fact, if a larger Bench arrived at a decision by a slim majority (say, 4:3 in a seven-judge Bench), its correctness would be all the more doubted on the presumption that had the Bench comprised different judges, the outcome might have been different. After all, it is natural that a decision by a larger majority is perceived to be correct over a decision considered by a larger number.

Changes are required in terms of how larger Benches are constituted

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Such an anomaly is usually avoided in the U.S. and in South Africa owing to the fact that any reconsideration of a precedent is a matter deliberated by the entire sitting strength of the court as opposed to division(s). While both the U.K. and Australia follow a system similar to that of India, the entire act of 'reconsidering a precedent' is viewed as a delicate and grave judicial responsibility in these countries. Rarely do precedents get re-decided more than once, unlike in India, in order to give quietus to litigation and in the limited occasion where a decision is reopened, the only requirement is that it would examined by a Bench of all 'available judges'.

Recommendations

If such conflicts are to be avoided by the Supreme Court of India, certain changes are required in terms of how larger Benches are constituted. It is recommended that the term 'larger Bench' be understood not in the strict sense of being merely greater in strength than the lower Bench. Instead, there should be an endeavour to have a quorum with a break-even or a greater majority than the lower Bench. Thus, if a five-judge unanimous decision is referred to a larger Bench, it should be considered by a nine-judge Bench rather than seven, so that it would in any case be decided by a majority of at least five judges. After all, correctness of a judicial decision has more to it than just the number of judges deliberating the vexed question of law. Otherwise, a lower number of judges holding a majority opinion could overrule a higher number of judges holding a majority opinion based on the sheer fact that the lower number of majority opinion judges was part of a larger bench. By permitting this possibility, the Supreme Court has opened up the likeliness of its decisions being criticised on the grounds of having a 'narrow majority' in comparison to its previous unanimous decisions.

The IUML's challenge in Kerala

For the party to gain political mileage from the PFI ban is easier said than done

STATE OF PLAY

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The decision of the Union Home Ministry to ban the Popular Front of India (PFI) has met with different reactions from mainstream political parties in Kerala. While the Congress and the CPI(M) have expressed cautious criticism on the ban, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), which, along with the Congress, is part of the Opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) in the State, responded in different voices.

While IUML legislator M.K. Muneer hailed the ban, the national general secretary of the party, P.K. Kunhalikutty, felt that the Ministry's decision was not impartial as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and other Sangh Parivar organisations were still being allowed to operate and engage in hate campaigns. Given the confusion over the party's stance, IUML State president Panakkad Syed Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal asked the party leaders to speak in unison on the issue.

For the IUML to gain any political mileage from the ban is easier said than done. The PFI's political arm, the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), whose leaders claim it is an independent organisation, has escaped the ban for various reasons. Since its formation in 2009, the SDPI has been eating into the Muslim vote bank of the IUML in Malabar and of the UDF in southern Kerala. In the 2020 three-tier local body polls, the SDPI secured 95 seats and bagged another seven by supporting Independents. For some time, the CPI(M) has also been artfully manoeuvring the SDPI to

dent the traditional bases of the IUML in northern Kerala.

Like the once-outlawed and now defunct Islamic Sevak Sangh (ISS), the PFI had been portraying the RSS as its enemy in a bid to attract the Muslim community, especially the youth. However, unlike the ISS, led by Abdul Nasser Maudany, which had revolved around hero worship, the National Development Front (NDF), the precursor to the PFI, was formed with a focus on collective leadership and a militant-like power structure modelled along the lines of Sunni-Islamic outfits Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, according to law-enforcement agencies.

Nevertheless, the IUML had been hobnobbing with the NDF during its evolution, with a section of party leaders providing patronage to the radical outfit to take on the CPI(M) in Kozhikode. The hacking of Eenthullathil Veettil Binu, a CPI(M) worker in Nadapuram in broad daylight in 2001, is an example of an incident which vitiated the atmosphere in Malabar. Six NDF workers were indicted in the case by a sessions court in Kozhikode.

The Justice Thomas P. Joseph Commission report on the Marad communal clashes not only blamed the NDF and the IUML activists for their active involvement in the planning and execution of the murder of nine fishermen at Marad coastal village in May 2003, but also named the party's senior leader, M.C. Mayin Haji, for knowing about the conspiracy.

Until the formation of the PFI and subsequently its political avatar, the SDPI, the NDF had infiltrated mainstream political parties in the State as well as social-cultural outfits and NGOs. The then IUML supremo, Panakkad Mohammedali Shihab Thangal, often revered for his role in preserving communal harmony after the demolition of the Babri Masjid, recognised that the party was courting disaster by associating itself with the outfit.

All these years, the PFI and its affiliates were debarred from the Muslim Coordination Committee, a coalition of Muslim political, religious and cultural outfits. Even the Jamaat-e-Islami, which has its roots in Islamist ideology, was inducted into the committee.

Ever since Syed Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal took charge as IUML president after the demise of his brother Panakkad Syed Hyderali Shihab Thangal this March, he has been trying to coherently balance the legitimate demands of the Muslim community without alienating the Hindu and Christian communities.

Many believe that the IUML leadership has to stem the rot within the party by taming the hawks who are subscribing to fundamentalist ideologies and engage the party-backed Samastha Kerala Jem-iyyathul Ulama to convince the Muslim community about the PFI misusing Islam and employing the narrative of Muslim angst and falsified victimhood for its agenda. Then, it remains to be seen whether the IUML can turn the tide by de-radicalising the PFI cadre and getting them to join mainstream polity.

Strengthening dollar shrinks foreign reserves across nations

While the fall of the rupee has been relatively moderate, the pace at which India's foreign exchange reserves are dwindling are a cause for concern

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

The rupee's weakening exchange rate and the pace at which India's foreign exchange reserves are dwindling are back in focus. The Ukraine crisis and the U.S. Federal Reserve's aggressive monetary tightening have led the rupee to depreciate past the 82 per dollar mark, while India's reserves have shrunk to a two-year low.

Reserves include foreign currency assets, gold, special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund, and reserve tranche position. These external assets, controlled by the monetary authority, are used to absorb shocks during times of crises; provide confidence to the market that external obligations can be met; and build capacity for intervention in foreign exchange markets.

Forex reserves are a crucial indicator of a country's economic health and its import capacity. As per a *Bloomberg* report, dwindling forex reserves have led to a shortage of dollars in many import-reliant economies. As a result, countries that are dependent on overseas food purchases are finding it hard to pay for commodities such as rice and wheat.

The Fed's steep increases in interest rates have made the dollar more attractive. Consequently, the dollar index has soared by 15% this year - a two-decade high - while other currencies have declined.

Strong currencies such as the pound (-21.62%) and euro (-17%) have also weakened against the dollar. The Japanese yen, considered a safe haven, has slipped to a 24-year-low. Several currencies, like the rupee, have touched their all-time lows, but the fall of the rupee has been relatively more moderate. **Chart 1** shows the change in a currency's value against the dollar in 2022 (data till October 7).

Central banks across the world have stepped in to defend their currencies. As a result, reserves have depleted by more than $100 billion each in China, Japan, Switzerland and Singapore. While Singapore's reserves saw the sharpest decline in percentage terms, China's fell the most in absolute terms. As the yen breached the 145 per dollar mark, Japan's reserves fell by $54 billion in the last one month. **Table 2** lists the drop in reserves in absolute terms and the percentage change in 2022. It also lists the total reserves available.

In the last nine months, India's reserve stockpile fell by $97 billion. This is significantly higher than the drawdown of reserves during the 2008 global financial crisis ($37.3 billion) and the period of the taper tantrum in 2013 ($16.6 billion). A crucial difference between this crisis and the other two has been the size of India's reserves. While India has the fifth-highest reserves in the world, the pace at which they are depleting is causing concern. Reserves as of September 2022 were equivalent to nine months of import cover compared to more than 15 months in September 2021. **Chart 3** shows the month-wise level of India's forex reserves in 2008, 2013 and 2022. India's reserves are by and large a product of capital flows (funds through foreign investments, borrowings) and not so much from the current account (net income earned through exports of goods and services and remittances), which is currently in deficit. As foreign investments eased, accumulation in India's foreign reserves also dropped.

With the dollar strengthening, the value of the euro, pound and yen (also part of India's foreign reserves) took a beating. This too led to a reduction in India's reserves. This is called a valuation loss.

Chart 4 shows the change in India's forex reserves due to two factors – through balance of payments (sum of India's capital flows and current account deficit) and through valuation loss/gain.

Dwindling reserves

The charts and table show how the value of currencies declined, leading to a drop in foreign reserves globally. Data were sourced from the IMF and the RBI. The dollar index soared by 15% this year as a result of which other currencies declined. Central banks across the world have stepped in to defend their currencies, leading to depletion in reserves. While the rupee's fall has been moderate, India's reserve stockpile has fallen by $97 billion in the nine months of 2022

Chart 1 : The chart shows the change in a currency's value against the dollar in 2022 (data till Oct. 7). As the dollar index soared by 15% this year, other currencies declined

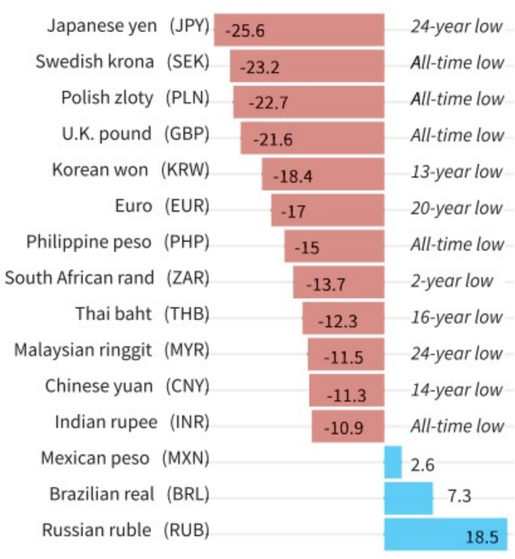
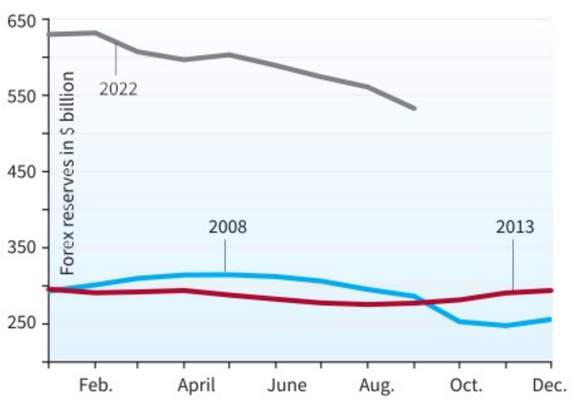


Chart 3 : The chart shows the month-wise level of India's forex reserves (in $ bn) in 2008, 2013 and 2022. The depletion in reserves in 2022 has been significantly higher than 2008 and 2013



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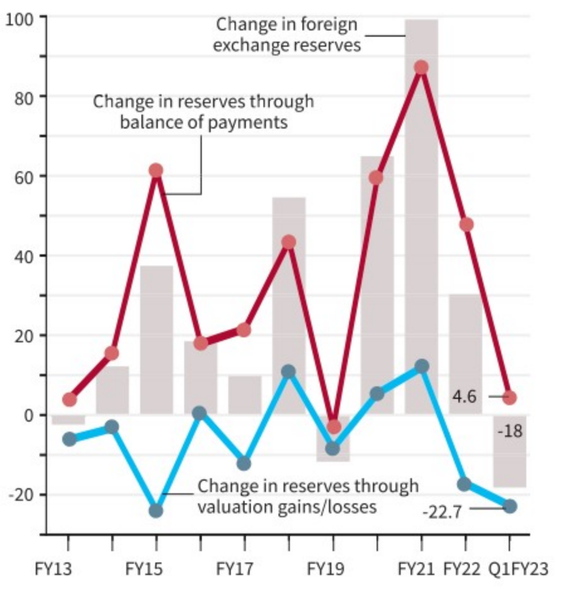

Table 2 : The table lists the drop in reserves in absolute terms and the % change in 2022. It also lists the total reserves available ($ billion)

Country	Absolute	% change	Total reserves
China	-174.5	-5.1	3,223.8
Japan	-147.9	-10.7	1,238.1
Switzerland	-143.5	-13.1	949.1
Singapore	-129.0	-30.8	289.4
India	-97.3	-15.4	532.7
Russia	-64.5	-10.2	565.7
Hong Kong	-60.7	-12.3	431.8
Czech Rep.	-38.4	-22.0	135.9
U.K.	-35.3	-15.5	192.2
Thailand	-27.8	-11.4	215.0
Korea	-25.1	-5.4	436.4
Israel	-22.6	-10.8	186.0
United States	-20.4	-8.2	229.2
Brazil	-18.7	-5.2	339.7
Germany	-12.1	-4.1	280.2

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 18, 1972

Biggest crackdown on crime in New York City

Washington, Oct. 17: In what has been described as the most massive investigation of organised crime in American history, the New York City authorities yesterday flung a vast dragnet which will bring in over 700 members of the underworld for questioning by courts of justice in cases involving all forms of racketeering. Starting at dawn, a huge force of special policemen, 1,200 strong, converged on hundreds of people associated with various crime syndicates and served them with subpoenas which require them to appear before Grand Juries for questioning in criminal activities ranging from assault, robbery and extortion, to trafficking in narcotics, gambling and prostitution. Failure to respond to the writs carries a stiff penalty of four years in jail. Caught in yesterday's sweep were most of the top leaders of the mafia, who for several decades have wielded vast subversive influence in the city's politics, business and labour unions. Over 100 policemen, said to be in the pay of the gang leaders, were also caught in the net. New York's latest assault on the spreading cancer of organised crime has been in preparation for over a year, it has now been revealed. Functioning in the tightest secrecy, the police authorities had gathered during the time thousands of feet of coloured films, still photographs, tape-recordings of telephone and other conversations between the alleged criminals.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 18, 1922

In Russia

London, Oct. 16: Sporadic fighting for months past between anti-Soviets and Soviets in the Vladivostok region has culminated in red victory. The White front collapsed and Nikolsk was abandoned. Japanese are temporarily preventing the reds from entering Vladivostok until Japanese evacuation is completed.

London, Oct. 16: It is announced here that Krassin has resigned from the Soviet Trade Commissariat. The reason is not stated but it is apparently due to the rejection of the Russo-Asiatic consolidated agreement on 10th October. A Riga message states it was rumoured that Krassin would resign on this score.

From Page One

Governor says he can sack errant Ministers

Mr. Govindan also slammed Mr. Khan for sitting on crucial Bills passed by the Assembly. The Governor should not assume the mantle of British residents who controlled erstwhile colonial principalities.

Leader of the Opposition V. D. Satheeshan said the Governor had no authority to withdraw Ministers for the government's failures. The Governor should prudently exercise the duties expected of him. However, Mr. Khan was found wanting on that count. For one, the Governor had accepted the government's illegal decision to extend the tenure of the Kannur Vice-Chancellor beyond the retirement age in silent acquiescence.

Former Lok Sabha general secretary and jurist P. D. Achary said the Governor could not assume to possess powers not accorded to him by the Constitution.

Union Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan and BJP State president K. Surendran slammed the government "for using every opportunity to denigrate the gubernatorial office". They said in separate statements that the government could not expect the Governor to rubber stamp erroneous legislation and nepotism in universities.

96% of Cong. delegates turn up to vote

"I have been waiting for a long time for this day," Ms. Gandhi told reporters after voting at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Mr. Chidambaram, and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were among those who also voted at the polling booth at the AICC office.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi is among the 50 delegates who are part of the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra. They voted at a specially made booth inside a container at Ballari in Karnataka.

"I feel very proud that Congress people, women and men from across the country, are coming together in a democratic manner to exercise their mandate," Mr. Gandhi wrote in a Facebook post. In all, there were 36 polling centres across the country to conduct the sixth presidential election in the Congress's nearly 137-year-old history. The voting started at 10 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. The counting, as well as the declaration of results, will take place on October 19.

"The most satisfactory thing for us was that in all States where polling booths were set up, no adverse incident was reported. This is a big achievement ... polls were held in an open process in a peaceful manner," Mr. Mistry said, adding, "The Congress party has shown what internal democracy is and other parties that want to take a lesson from it can do so."

Before the start of polling, both Mr. Kharge and Mr. Tharoor tweeted that they had wished each other luck. "My best wishes to @ShashiTharoor. Spoke to him earlier today, both of us are contesting to strengthen @INCIndia to build a stronger & better nation for the future generations," Mr. Kharge tweeted.

"My thanks to all the @INCIndia colleagues, workers, delegates across the country who had the courage to participate, to campaign, to dream & to vote today -- whatever the result of this election, it is a victory for YOU! Jai Hind, Jai Congress!" Mr. Tharoor tweeted.

The election to the top post was necessitated after Mr. Gandhi stepped down as the party president in May 2019, owning moral responsibility for the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha election. Though Ms. Sonia Gandhi was appointed the interim president in August that year, the party witnessed a political storm with as many as 23 leaders – referred to as the G-23 – writing to Ms. Gandhi to demand internal reforms and a visible leadership.

Relationship with Gandhis beyond contention: Gehlot

There is no alternative to experience at any level, young leaders in Congress should work hard and the central leadership will definitely give them a chance, says Rajasthan Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Monday said his relationship with the Gandhi family was "beyond any contention" and would remain the same even after the election of the new Congress president. The result of the Congress presidential election will be announced on October 19.

Mr. Gehlot told reporters at the Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters in Jaipur, where he went to cast his vote, that he could say with certainty that his relation with the Gandhi family would be the same as it had been for the past 50 years.

"Vinoba Bhave had once said that his relationship with [Bhagavad] Gita was beyond reason. Similarly, I would like to say that my relations with Gandhi family are exactly like the relations between Vinobaji and Holy Gita. In other words, my relations with Gandhi family have been and are beyond all logic and reasoning. And it will continue to be so throughout my life," Mr. Gehlot said.

Patient wait: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi outside a mobile polling booth near Ballari on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amid speculation of a leadership change in Rajasthan, when reporters asked him about his conversation with Rahul Gandhi while sharing the dais at a public rally in Ballari, Mr. Gehlot said, "I talked to him. Talks will continue in future also."

"You people [the media] express suspicion, doubt ...You remain worried about what will happen, you remain worried about my relation with Gandhi family," he added.

'Wait for Kharge'

The timing of Mr Gehlot's assertion is important as it is being speculated that the new party president may take a call on the issue of changing Rajasthan's Chief Minister before the next Assembly election towards the end of 2023.

"Your question will be answered by Mallikarjun Kharge *sahab* after his victory in the election," he said.

Mr. Gehlot said young leaders in the Congress would get opportunities when the time comes. "There is no alternative to experience at any level ... Those who left Congress were opportunists. The young leaders should work hard and the central leadership will definitely give them a chance," Mr. Gehlot said.

Justice Chandrachud appointed the 50th Chief Justice of India

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NEW DELHI

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI), Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Monday.

Justice Chandrachud will take oath on November 9, a day after incumbent CJI Justice Uday Umesh Lalit demits office on attaining the age of 65.

"In exercise of the power conferred by the Constitution of India, Hon'ble President appoints Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of India with effect from 9th November, 22," Mr. Rijiju tweeted.

While Justice Lalit has a brief tenure of 74 days, Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years. He will demit office on November 10, 2024.

Justice Chandrachud, presently the seniormost Supreme Court judge after Justice Lalit, was elevated to the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016. Before his appointment to the top court, Justice Chandrachud served as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court from October 31, 2013.

He also served as a judge of the Bombay High Court from March 2000 to October 2013.

Notable judgments

His notable Supreme Court judgments include recognising the right to privacy as a fundamental right, decriminalisation of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code and allowing women to enter Kerala's Sabarimala temple, among others.

Chirag says his party will contest Gujarat, Himachal elections

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chirag Paswan

With speculation rife about Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan joining the BJP, after having walked out of the alliance ahead of the 2020 Bihar Assembly election, Mr. Paswan on Monday announced that his party will contest the upcoming Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections alone.

However, his party will be part of an alliance for the next Bihar election, he said. Mr. Paswan also specified that he would not join any alliance in which Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his party Janata Dal (United) were present.

In Bihar, he said, alliances were meaningless considering the swift changes in political equations. In 2015, he said that the mandate was for the *mahagatbandhan*, but the JD(U)-BJP combine formed a government midway through the term. In 2020, the mandate was for the National Democratic Alliance but again the JD(U) and the RJD formed the government. "In such circumstances, we should rather work on building our own strength. And a decision to join hands with anyone will be taken when the elections are announced. For sure, we will not be part of any alliance where Nitish Kumar and JD(U) are present," he added.

He was speaking at a press conference here after his party's national executive meeting. Asked if his party's campaign is targeted against the BJP, Mr. Paswan said, "I believe in positive politics. Even in 2020 Bihar elections we ran a positive campaign based on our vision document 'Bihar First, Bihari First'."

Delhi Deputy CM Sisodia quizzed for nine hours by CBI in excise policy case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday questioned Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in connection with the excise policy case, in which he has been named an accused along with 14 others.

After a visit to Rajghat, Mr. Sisodia reached the CBI headquarters around 11.15 a.m. and presented himself before the investigating officer to record his statement.

He was quizzed for about nine hours. It is learnt that two more persons had been summoned by the agency.

Mr. Sisodia maintained that a completely false case had been made against him.

'Fake claims'

Earlier, he took to Twitter to say: "They are preparing to arrest me by making a completely fake case against me. I was to go to Gujarat for election campaign in the coming days. These people are losing Gujarat badly. Their purpose is to stop me from going to Gujarat election campaign."

Answers sought: Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia arriving at the CBI headquarters for questioning on Monday. R.V. MOORTHY

"But my going to jail will not stop the Gujarat election campaign. Today every Gujarati has stood up. The child of Gujarat is now campaigning for good schools, hospitals, jobs, electricity. The coming elections in Gujarat will be a movement," he said.

The agency has alleged that there were several irregularities in the excise policy modified and implemented under Mr. Sisodia. The then Excise Commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna, Deputy Commissioner Anand Tiwari, and Assistant Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar have also been arraigned.

Later at his residence, Mr. Sisodia told the media that there was no scam in the excise policy and that it was all a conspiracy by the BJP to make its "Operation Lotus" in Delhi a success through unconstitutional abuse of the CBI.

He alleged that unofficially he was asked to quit the AAP and was also offered the post of Chief Minister.

BJP slams AAP over 'celebration of corruption'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday attacked the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for holding a roadshow in support of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia ahead of his appearing before the CBI for questioning in the Delhi excise policy case and termed the rally a "celebration of corruption".

Speaking at a press conference held at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, spokesperson Sambit Patra compared the AAP's rally on Monday with the Congress party's protests against the summoning of Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the *National Herald* case. "When Rahul Gandhi was summoned by the ED, then also the Congress started doing drama like this. It will not be an exaggeration to say that it is a celebration of corruption," Mr. Patra said.

"The way Manish Sisodia was raising slogans, it seems as if the AAP has won the World Cup of corruption."

BJP withdraws its candidate for byelection, clears path for Rutuja of Uddhav faction

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The BJP on Monday pulled out its candidate from the Andheri East Assembly byelection, hours before the deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended.

Murji Patel of the BJP was pitted against Rutuja Latke, the candidate for the Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena.

The byelection was necessitated by the death of Ms. Latke's husband and Shiv Sena legislator Ramesh Latke in May.

It was being seen as the first major electoral battle after Eknath Shinde toppled the Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, a coalition of the Shiv Sena, the Congress, and the Nationalist Congress Party, and became the Chief Minister in June.

Rutuja Latke

"The BJP had previously also not contested some of the bypolls. If a legislator has passed away and one of his family members is contesting, it is a tradition in Maharashtra to elect the person unopposed," BJP State unit chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule said in Nagpur.

The announcement came a day after Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar appealed to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to drop their candidate as a mark of respect to the late leader.

Despite the BJP withdrawing its candidate, the bypoll will take place as per schedule as seven more candidates are still in the fray.

Mamata urges Modi to let Sourav Ganguly contest ICC election

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday batted for former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allow Mr. Ganguly to contest elections to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"I will request the Prime Minister to allow Sourav to contest ICC elections," Ms. Banerjee told mediapersons.

The Chief Minister also raised question on why Mr. Ganguly was denied a second term as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The Trinamool Congress chairperson asked why "Amit *babu*'s [Amit Shah's] son has been retained [in the BCCI] but Sourav was left out".

"Why was Sourav left out of the BCCI? The manner in which he has been removed is unjustified. I am really shocked," Ms. Banerjee said.

She said that since Mr. Ganguly had been removed in an unceremonious manner, the only compensation that could be provided was to allow him contest the ICC elections. She said that, in the past, Jagmohan Dalmiya and Sharad Pawar had served as ICC president and that Mr. Ganguly was the most deserving to hold the post from India.

Received Centre's approval for release of 11 Bilkis Bano case convicts, Gujarat tells SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government had given approval for the premature release of 11 prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case, the Gujarat government informed the Supreme Court on Monday.

"All the prisoners have completed 14-plus years in the prison under life imprisonment and opinions of the authorities concerned have been obtained as per the premature release policy of 1992 and submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter dated June 28, 2022 and sought the approval of the Government of India. The Government of India conveyed the concurrence/approval under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for premature release of 11 prisoners in a letter on July 11, 2022," the State said in a 57-page affidavit.

The remission was not granted under the circular governing grant of remission to prisoners as part of the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebration.

Gujarat said it had considered the opinions of the Inspector-General of Prisons, Gujarat; Jail Superintendents, Jail Advisory committee, District Magistrate, Police Superintendent, CBI, Special Crime Branch, and the Mumbai sessions court. It said opinions of all the seven authorities, as required under the law, were considered.

The State government considered the case of 11 prisoners as per the 1992 Premature Release Policy. The remission was granted on August 10, 2022. The State said it was the Supreme Court itself which had allowed it to consider the case of the 11 prisoners under the 1992 policy.

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India to host global meet on investment in tourism sector

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India will hold a global meet on investments into its tourism sector and a conference on business tourism next year, cashing in on its G-20 presidency which begins from December. The investment meet would be held in Delhi in January-February and the participants would include stakeholders in tourism from all G-20 countries, financial institutions, State tourism departments and representatives of Central government Ministries.

A separate conference on MICE tourism (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) would be held in April in Bangalore, an official in the Tourism Ministry told *The Hindu*. "The focus of global investments in tourism sector is on the hospitality industry, but through this conference we will seek to explore fund flow into theme parks, adventure tourism, amusement parks and skiing destination infrastructure," he said.

Interpol has no role in curbing state-sponsored terrorism, says official

Secretary-General Jürgen Stock said that less than 1% of illicit financial flows are intercepted by the organisation and cryptos are being increasingly used to move proceeds of crime

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jurgen Stock, Secretary General, Interpol and Praveen Sinha, Special Director, CBI, in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Interpol Secretary-General Jürgen Stock on Monday said the international criminal police organisation was not playing any role in curbing state-sponsored terrorism and it focussed primarily on ordinary law crimes.

"We are playing no role to be very specific and concrete. If there is any state activity, Interpol is not conducting any activity. We are focussing primarily on... ordinary law crime. We are going against child abusers, rapists, murderers, drug dealers, cyber criminals who want to make billions of money...that is the majority of crime that occurs around the world," said Mr. Stock at a press conference ahead of the four-day Interpol general assembly to start on October 18. PM Narendra Modi will address the 90th general assembly on Tuesday, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah will give the valedictory address.

On the issue of terrorism, Mr. Stock said the Interpol had been developing a global early warning system for collection and sharing of terrorism-related inputs. The organisation had done so successfully as part of the global coalition to defeat Daesh.

He said the Interpol had one of the biggest repositories on information related to the foreign terrorist hideouts and tools for helping the member-countries identify, target and arrest terrorists. On the illicit financial flows, the Secretary-General said less than 1% of the funds could be intercepted and recovered by enforcement agencies. Criminal gangs also used cryptocurrencies to move proceeds of crime and evade detection.

He said the Interpol's global stop-payment mechanism, an anti-money laundering rapid response protocol, had helped the member-countries recover over $60 million in the past 10 months. "Our Global Crime Trend Report also highlighted the massive increase in online child sexual exploitation and abuse." The Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation database helped investigators identify an average of seven child abuse victims every day. So far, 30,000 victims had been identified worldwide.

DGCA gives SpiceJet directives to maintain Q-400 plane engines

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet was told to check the engine oil of aircraft frequently.

Aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered SpiceJet to take additional measures to maintain its regional aircraft fleet of 14 Bombardier Q-400 aircraft following a recent incident that led to smoke inside passenger cabin during a flight from Goa to Hyderabad.

The order follows a preliminary inquiry into the incident on October 12, during which there was smoke in cabin while the aircraft was descending over Hyderabad leading to the pilots requesting emergency landing. The inquiry found that engine oil had entered the aircraft air conditioning system.

The airline has now been instructed not to send any of its Pratt and Whitney engines on Q-400s for maintenance, repair and overhaul to an entity in Singapore called Standard Aero pending an inquiry as the latest incident and another similar occurrence involved engines that were sent there.

It has also asked the airline to send engine oil samples every 15 days to Pratt and Whitney Canada, conduct weekly boroscopic inspections every week as well as to commence inspection of "bleed-off" valve. It has also sought immediate inspection of "magnetic chip detectors" for presence of any metal particles.

The DGCA in July-end had barred SpiceJet from not operating more than 50% of its approved flights. This restriction was extended by another month in September, and will be in force till October 29.

'Public office holder can don the role of private citizen'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

High constitutional functionaries, from the President of India to government Ministers, need not depend on the state machinery to prosecute his or her defamer, the Supreme Court held in a judgment on Monday.

A constitutional functionary can choose to shed the identity of his high office and don the role of a private citizen to prosecute damaging comments made about his public functions in office.

Justice V. Ramasubramanian, who authored the verdict, also said a political rival's challenge to a public office holder that he would "expose" the latter's "scam" would not amount to defamation.

"Statements such as 'I will expose you', 'I will expose your corrupt practices' and 'I will expose the scam in which you are involved', etc., are not by nature defamatory unless there is something more," Justice Ramasubramanian reasoned.

The judgment clarified the law while refusing to accept BJP leader Manoj Tiwari's argument that Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia could not have filed a criminal defamation complaint against him in his individual capacity but should have gone through the public prosecutor after securing prior sanction from the government. Mr. Tiwari had appealed to the Supreme Court after the Delhi High Court refused to quash a Magistrate's summons in 2019 on Mr. Sisodia's defamation complaint.

At DefExpo, India to pitch military tools to Africa, IOR countries

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

India has undertaken a transformative journey from being the largest defence importer to an exporter, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday at the curtain raiser event of the 12th edition of DefExpo in Gandhinagar.

Two major conclaves, the second edition of both the India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)-plus conclave will see India pitching its military hardware to various countries.

"The IADD and IOR+ Conclave will be two very important events for promoting peace, security, prosperity and defence cooperation throughout the region and establishing new defence and industrial partnerships," Mr. Singh said. At the third day of the defence exhibition on October 20, 451 partnerships in terms of Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), Transfer of Technology agreements and product launches are expected compared with 210 at the last DefExpo, said Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar.

Stating that India and Africa have been close friends and partners, Mr. Kumar said to take this forward, the two sides have been conducting a dialogue. This, he said, includes companies discussing with them, capacity building, and participation in tackling maritime threats like piracy and drug trafficking.

The Centre has set a target to achieve a manufacturing turnover of ₹1.75 lakh crore

The Centre has set an ambitious target to achieve a manufacturing turnover of $25 billion, or ₹1,75,000 crore, including exports of $5 bn in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2025. The government has announced a series of measures in this direction.

The country's defence exports which have been growing year on year in the past few years touched ₹13,000 crore for 2021-22. For this financial year, they have reached ₹8,000 crore, Mr. Singh said.

Achal Malhotra, Director, Defence Exhibition Organisation in the Department of Defence Production, said 75 countries will be participating in DefExpo. Over 53 African countries have been invited for IADD to be held on October 18 and 44 for the IOR+ conclave on October 19. This edition has the largest participation and is spread over 1 lakh square metres with 75 countries, 33 Foreign Ministers, 1,340 companies and 10 State pavilions, Mr. Malhotra said.

VHP to stage protest over reservation for converts

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) said on Monday that the demand for extending reservation benefits to converts from the SC/ST communities is "anti-constitutional" and "anti-national". Along with Valmiki Mahasabha, the VHP would also organise mass awareness campaigns across India to make Dalits aware of their rights, said its joint general secretary Surendra Jain.

The Government of India had appointed a commission headed by former Chief Justice of India K.G. Balakrishnan to examine the SC status of Dalits after conversion last week. The VHP said it "reiterates that Scheduled Castes are the persons who have historically been deprived on the basis of their castes; while the 'Abrahamic' religions claim to have no caste distinction among them, therefore SC reservation cannot be extended to them".

Speaking in Delhi, Mr. Jain said, "VHP opposes the idea of giving Scheduled Caste status to people who claim to have historically belonged to the SCs, but have converted to another religion." He added that mass awareness campaigns will be launched across India to make people aware of their rights. VHP international working president Alok Kumar said in 1950, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order was issued making it clear that only Hindu Scheduled Castes would get reservation.

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AP Agros/GS/Taiwan Sprayers/2022-23 Date: 17-10-2022

EOI NOTICE INVITING SEALED QUOTATOINS

Sealed Quotations are invited from reputed Manufacturers of China/Taiwan for Importing and procurement of following items.

a. High pressure knapsack Sprayer plastic tank 20Ltrs capacity including pipe, Gun, pump and all accessories without engine (suitable for Honda GX 25T SD Engine) minimum 20,000 no's per year along with cartoon box to be printed with our details.
b. Battery Sprayer, 2 in 1 operated 12 Volts 12 Amps., 20 Ltrs., capacity, Single/ Double Motor with 5 Nozzles along with cartoon box to be printed with our details.

The submission of EOI Schedule last date on **08-11-2022 at 2.00 PM** and the details can be downloaded from our website: **www.apagros.org.**

Sd- Vice Chairman & Managing Director

Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
PWD Campus, Jacob Road, Jaipur
Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex. :- 299

File No- /526 Date - 7/10/22

NIB NO-21/2022-23

Bids for 06 No. Road works are invited from interested bidders upto 6-00 PM on 01-11-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state; and **http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in.** The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 2306.00 lacs.

UBN:
1. PWD2223WSOB09080
2. PWD2223WSOB09082
3. PWD2223WSOB09114
4. PWD2223WSOB09180
5. PWD2223WSOB09092
6. PWD2223WSOB09083

Addl. Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/13177 **PWD Zone-II, Jaipur**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
PHED REGION I JODHPUR
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No.ACE/Region I/Ju/Ar. Pali/2022-23/8187-96 Dated 4/10/2022

Notice Inviting Bid (NIT NO. 28/2022-23)

Bids for following works are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 pm of 09-11-2022.

S. No	NIT No.	Work Description	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Unique Bid No. (UBN)
1	28/2022-23	WORK OF PROVIDING OF RISING MAIN PIPELINE FROM RGLC SOURCE (JODHPUR) TO ROHAT PHASE-1 (FROM KUDI TO ROHAT), BLOCK-ROHAT, DISTRICT-PALI	3229.57	PHE2223WLOB07714

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal - http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state, and PHED department website.

(SAVE WATER-SAVE LIFE)

(Dinesh Kumar Nagori)
ADDL., CHIEF ENGINEER
DIPR/C/13123 PHED REGION(I) JODHPUR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN WELFARE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING NO. 06 /DB/F.114 N/2022 Dated: 17.10.2022
LUMP SUMS FORM (Rate Tender System) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer, Fishing Harbour Project Circle , Integrated office Complex, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, Nandanam, Chennai – 35, for the following works from the registered Civil tenderers of Tamil Nadu Government Departments.

Sl No	Name of work	Apprx. Value of work in Lakh's	EMD Amount (Rs,.)	Period of Completion	Eligible Contractors as per rules	Cost of Tender Schedule + GST	Cost of Tender Schedule and EMD to be remitted in favour for
1.	Extension of Existing Main Break water of Thengapattinam Fishing Harbour in Kanniyakumari District (Phase-III).	9652.00	48,36,000/-	24 Months	Class-I State Level above Rs.75 (L)	Rs.15000 + 1800/-	Executive Engineer, FHP Division, Nager coil.

● Period for Availability of Tender Schedule	:	upto 5.45 p.m. on 22.11.2022
● Last date of receipt of tender	:	23.11.2022 upto 03.00 p.m.
● Date and Time of Opening of tender	:	23.11.2022 at 03.30 p.m

The other details, terms and conditions may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer, Fishing Harbour Project Circle, Chennai-600 035 and the tender documents may also be downloaded at free of cost, through internet at the website "www.tenders.tn.gov.in".

DIPR/ 4627 /TENDER/2022
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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS,TIRUPATI
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TIRUPATI DIST.,

TENDER NOTICE

ADv. No. 40/D3/CE/TTD/2022-23& 69/SE-III/TTD/2022-23 17.10.2022

Name of the work: Request for Proposal for Selection of Architectural / Consultancy firm for preperation of layout development plan for providing house sites to T.T.D. Employees (TTD EMPLOYEES MUTUALLY AIDED CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LIMITED) at Padireduaranyam Village of Vadamalapeta Mandal, Tirupati District. **Tender Schedule Issue starts from 17.10.2022 (11.00 AM); Due date for submission of Tender documents : 03.11.2022 (3.00 PM). Note :** Request Propsals are invited for the above work in offline mode. For full details log on to the website **https://www.tirumala.org.**

ROC No. PR4/13947/Adv. No.251/ PRO/2022, Dated: 17.10.2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

TELANGANA STATE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION LTD.
Email: proc.tsmarkfed2018@gmail.com, Ph.No: 040-2460 7108, Fax: 040-2460 7100

Rc.No.1114/P&M/ Disposal of Jowar/2020-21 Date: 17.10.2022

TENDER FOR SALE OF JOWAR (HYBRID) YASANGI
PROCURED BY TS MARKFED DURING 2021-22

Tender notification for online sealed e-tendering in two bid systems (i.e Pre-qualification bid and Commercial Bid) for Disposal of Jowar (Hybrid) Yasangi 2021-22 for a total quantity of **26086 MTs** in Fifteen Schedules/Lots (Godown wise) without base price procured by TS MARKFED on tender platform **http://tender.telangana.gov.in**

a. Bid Submission Start date 18.10.2022 from 03:00 PM. **b.** Bid Submission end date 26.10.2022 up to 03:00 PM. **c.** Opening of pre-Qualification bid on 27.10.2022 from 11:00 AM. **d.** Opening of Commercial on 27.10.2022 at 03:00 PM. For online registration and further details please contact Service providers M/s Vupadhi Techno Services Pvt ltd .Ph: 7337445546, 7337445545 & 6309339690, 9912756216. For further details please contact. Ph: 7288879806, and 7288879829 **Sd/-**

DIPR.R.O. No. : 811-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) PWD
RAJASTHAN JAIPUR

No: F.7 (323) SHA/PPP/WB/2017-18/D-1330 **Date : 10/10/2022**

Notice Inviting Bid (31/2022-23)

Bids for Procurement of Authority's Engineer for "Development, Upgradation of (i) Banar-Bhopalgarh-Kuchera (SH-63) Length 126.500 km. (Package No. WB/RSHDP II/EPC/01) (ii) Bhawi-Pipar-Khimsar (SH-86C) Length 83.225 km (Package No. WB/RSHDP-II/EPC/02) and (iii) Jodhpur-Marwar Junction-Jojawar Highway (SH-61 & 61A) Length 119.095 km (Package No. WB/RSHDP II/EPC/03) in the State of Rajasthan on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode)" are invited from interested bidders upto 11:30 AM on 10.11.2022. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state; and department website. The approximate value is Rs. 6.32 crore.

UBN : PWD2223SLOB09113

(Dinesh Kumar Agarwal)
Addl. Chief Engineer (PPP)
DIPR/C/13242 **PWD Rajasthan Jaipur**

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 10-10-2022 to 16-10-2022
Election Department

Tender ID: 2022_Elec_508175_2 * Chief Electoral Officer * PRINT SERVICE PROVIDERS for Printing and personalizing PVC E * Closing Date: 28-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs45000000

Visit **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** for more details.

Ro.No:10-16/Oct/2022/PRD/(N)12

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD CIRCLE BHILWARA

No. 4340 Date:- 10/10/2022

:- Notice Inviting Bid 09/2022-23-:

Bids for Road works under Budget Announcement are invited form interested bidders upto 6.00 PM 31.10.2022 (Monday). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate valuse of the procurement is 289.23 Lacs,

UBN No.:- PWD2223WSOB09091

(P.R. Meena)
Superintending Engineer
DIPR/C/13261 PWD Circle Bhilwara

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
MAHATHMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER HOUSE
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12494 /CALL-3 Date: 13.10.2022

ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Bids in two covers are invited through e-Procurement Portal **Website: URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **Design, Fabrication, Supply, Testing, Installation & Commissioning of One set of Slip ring each for 1st and 2nd stage Generators at MGHE power house,** from regular manufacturer/supplier/firm/agency and shall have proven experience in the field of repair and rectification of slip rings to power utilities as specified in the Pre-Qualifying Requirement in "e" tender notification. Last Date & Time for on-line submission of tenders: **31.10.2022 upto 16:00Hrs.** Opening the Technical Bid: **01.11.2022 at 16:30 Hrs.** and Opening the Financial Bid: **02.11.2022 at 16:45 Hrs.** Further information if required can be obtained from office of the **Executive Engineer (EM&O), MGHE Works, KPCL, Jog Falls-577 435, Sagar - Taluk, Shimoga - District, Karnataka.** Mobile No. : **94495 98853.**

कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग खण्ड नोखा

क्रमांकः— (DIPR/C/13031/2022) दिनांक :—

संशोधन ई– बोली सूचना संख्या 11/2022–23

इस कार्यालय की ई–बोली सूचना संख्या 11/2022–23 Various Works Related Missing Link & Renewal of Non Patchable Roads Under SRF (RR) and Construction of WBM Roads Under MNREGA Scheme कार्य की निविदा में क्र.सं. 06 से 11 में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है :–

क्र. सं.	जिला	कार्य / पैकेज का नाम	पूर्व में प्रकाशित					संशोधन जो अब पढ़ा जावे				
			अनुमानित लागत (राशि रू. लाखों में)	धरोहर राशि (लाखो में) 2%	धरोहर राशि (लाखो में) 0.50%	निविदा शुल्क राशि रूपये में	RISL Fees	अनुमानित लागत (राशि रू. लाखों में)	धरोहर राशि (लाखो में) 2%	धरोहर राशि (लाखो में) 0.50%	निविदा शुल्क राशि रूपये में	RISL Fees
6	बीकानेर	भगवती कुण्ड से ब्राह्मणों की ढाणियों तक डब्ल्यूबीएम सड़क निर्माण कार्य किमी 0/0 से 5/896 (Under MNREGA)	93.65	1.88	0.47	1000/-	1000/-	55.00	1.10	0.28	1000/-	1000/-
7	बीकानेर	भगवती कुण्ड से राजेडू तक डब्ल्यूबीएम सड़क निर्माण का कार्य किमी 0/0 से 9/833 (Under MNREGA)	56.00	1.12	0.28	1000/-	1000/-	91.90	1.84	0.46	1000/-	1000/-
8	बीकानेर	हियांदेसर से देसलसर तक डब्ल्यूबीएम सड़क निर्माण का कार्य किमी 0/0 से 6/875 (Under MNREGA)	106.00	2.12	0.53	1000/-	1000/-	61.00	1.22	0.31	1000/-	1000/-
9	बीकानेर	जसरासर से मंसूरी मार्ग तक डब्ल्यूबीएम सड़क निर्माण का कार्य किमी 0/0 से 9/824 (Under MNREGA)	159.00	3.18	0.80	2000/-	1000/-	95.00	1.90	0.48	1000/-	1000/-
10	बीकानेर	उत्तमामदेसर से मेउसर तक डब्ल्यूबीएम सड़क निर्माण कार्य किमी 0/0 से 5/888 (Under MNREGA)	39.90	0.80	0.20	500/-	500/-	51.50	1.03	0.26	1000/-	1000/-
11	बीकानेर	चेनाणा मार्ग से भोजाणा मार्ग (नायकों की ढाणियां) जसरासर किमी 0/0 से 3/995 (Under MNREGA)	64.00	1.28	0.32	1000/-	1000/-	38.00	0.76	0.19	500/-	500/-

शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

UBN No. :- **PWD2223WSOB08825,PWD2223WSOB08826, PWD2223WSOB08827,PWD2223WSOB08828, PWD2223WSOB08829,PWD2223WSOB08830,PWD2223WSOB08831,PWD2223WSOB08832,PWD2223WSOB08833, PWD2223WSOB08834,PWD2223WSOB08835**

DIPR/C/13227/2022

अधिशाषी अभियन्ता
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INBRIEF

HC rejects Jyoti Jagtap's bail in Bhima Koregaon case

The Bombay High Court on Monday rejected Pune-based cultural group Kabir Kala Manch (KKM) artiste Jyoti Jagtap's bail in Bhima Koregaon caste violence case. A Division Bench of justices A.S. Gadkari and Milind Jadhav was hearing an appeal filed by Ms. Jagtap after her bail was rejected by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). She was arrested on September 8, 2020, a day after the arrest of Ramesh Gaichor and Sagar Gorkhe. The NIA court on February 14 had rejected the bail of all three and said, "The Bhima Koregaon accused planned to end Modi Raj in a Rajiv Gandhi-type incident."

'Medical textbooks in major Indian languages in 3 years'

Within the next three years, India will offer textbooks for medicine, nursing, and pharmacy in all major Indian languages, confirmed Chamu Krishna Shastry, Chairperson of the Committee for Promotion of Indian Languages under the Ministry of Education. The committee is already in talks with the National Medical Commission and other specific boards for this new initiative, he said. "We are working at being able to offer education in regional languages across India. The central idea being that in 10-years time, students will have the option, infrastructure and staff support to study subjects in their mother tongue. This is not to say that English will be done away with. That option will be kept available," he said.

Woman in U.P. gives birth on cart outside health centre

A viral video from Uttar Pradesh shows a woman giving birth while lying atop a handcart outside a Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Mirzapur, after failing to get medical help from the centre itself. In the video, an elderly man (likely a relative of the woman) can be seen questioning the hospital staff about the whereabouts of the doctor and pointing out that they were not rendering the medical services for which the government pays them a salary. In the video, the woman can be seen lying on the handcart after giving birth. *The Hindu* could not independently verify the authenticity of the video.

Tied to a two-wheeler, youth made to run 2 km in Cuttack

For not being able to repay a borrowed amount of ₹1,500, a 22-year-old youth was thrashed and tied behind a two-wheeler and made to run for about 20 minutes on the busy streets of Cuttack city under full public glare on Sunday. Police arrested the perpetrators, identified as Sheikh Husain (24) and Sheikh Chhotu (18) of the Sutahat area of the city, on Monday after a video of the incident went viral. "Both the accused have been arrested for wrongful confinement, kidnapping, attempt to murder, and common criminal intention under the relevant sections of the IPC and were presented before a court on Monday," said Cuttack city DCP Pinak Mishra.

About 41.5 crore Indians out of multi-dimensional poverty since 2005-06

India has by far the largest number of poor people worldwide at 22.8 crore, followed by Nigeria at 9.6 crore. There were also 9.7 crore poor children in India in 2019-2021

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

About 41.5 crore people exited poverty in India during the 15-year period between 2005-06 and 2019-21, out of which two-third exited in the first 10 years, and one-third in the next five years, according to the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released on Monday.

The report produced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) shows that the incidence of poverty fell from 55.1% in 2005-06 to 16.4% in 2019-21 in the country and that deprivations in all 10 MPI indicators saw significant reductions as a result of which the MPI value and incidence of poverty more than halved.

Slight relief: While there has been a dip in poverty, it still remains a daunting challenge for India. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Improvement in MPI for India has significantly contributed to the decline in poverty in South Asia and it is for the first time that it is not the region with the highest number of poor people, at 38.5 crore, compared with 57.9 crore in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The report doesn't fully assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty in India as 71% of the data from the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021) relied upon for MPI were collected before the pandemic.

The global MPI constructs a deprivation profile of each household and person through 10 indicators spanning health, education and standard of living. All indicators are equally weighted within each dimension. The global MPI identifies people as multidimensionally poor if their deprivation score is 1/3 or higher.

Bihar, the poorest State in 2015-2016, saw the fastest reduction in MPI value in absolute terms. The incidence of poverty there fell from 77.4% in 2005-2006 to to 34.7% in 2019-2021.

Despite the strides made, the report notes that the ongoing task of ending poverty remains daunting. India has by far the largest number of poor people worldwide at 22.8 crore, followed by Nigeria at 9.6 crore. Two-third of these people live in a household in which at least one person is deprived in nutrition. There were also 9.7 crore poor children in India in 2019-2021 – more than the total number of poor people, children and adults combined, in any other country covered by the global MPI.

PM Modi inaugurates 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi addressing the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated 600 Kisan Samridhi Kendras and 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme and said that these steps were being taken to modernise agriculture.

The Kisan Samridhi Kendras would function as helping centres for farmers in this process, he added.

The PM was speaking at a conclave of farmers and 1,500 start-ups in the agriculture sector, where he also released the 12th instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Under the scheme, ₹16,000 crore will be credited into the bank accounts of over 8.5 crore farmers. Over ₹2 lakh crore has been transferred to farmers, helping them manage costs, he said.

The amount under the scheme would be credited directly into the accounts of farmers. "There will be no mediators for this," Mr. Modi added.

He said that earlier urea factories in the country were closed down to benefit importers and added that after 2014, the government took several steps and now the country was marching towards self sustenance in liquid nano urea production. "Nano urea will help farmers to address the issue of scarcity," Mr. Modi said.

He said fertilizers would be rebranded as "Bharat" to help farmers and it would reduce the prices of major fertilizers as transportation cost would be regulated.

He added that as part of observing the Millets Year in 2023, the Centre would promote cultivation of millets. New varieties of seeds were also being produced to meet the challenges of climate change.

Centre will intervene only if wheat price increases 'abnormally'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

FCI has adequate stocks of wheat and rice, says Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey

Amid reports of increase in the wheat price during the festive season, the Centre said here on Monday that it would intervene in the market if the price increased abnormally.

Talking to presspersons, Union Secretary of Food and Public Distribution Sudhanshu Pandey said sufficient stocks of wheat and rice were available in the Central pool to meet the requirement of the National Food Security Act and other schemes of the Centre.

Mr. Pandey said big farmers had not released last rabi season's wheat harvest to the market, which was normal, and said that due to better prices, farmers had preferred private traders to the government for selling wheat.

"Price rise is not abnormal as it has been perceived," Mr. Pandey said. He said the wholesale price of wheat was ruling at ₹2,331 per quintal on October 14, 2021, as against ₹2,474 per quintal on the same day in 2020.

He added that the procurement of paddy during this kharif marketing season had started and hoped that it would surpass 900 LMT. "A quantity of around 58 LMT paddy (39 LMT in terms of rice) have been procured up to October 16 which is higher as compared to the procurement during the corresponding period in 2021-22. The rainfall condition this year has been fairly good and the production of paddy is expected to remain normal," he added.

BJD's electoral successes in Odisha backed by women self-help groups

SPECIAL

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

When Abanti Das was handpicked as a candidate for the Dhamnagar byelection in Odisha on Wednesday, the biggest qualification the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) attributed to her candidature was her experience in the self-help group (SHG) movement.

Though Ms. Das holds the post of chairperson of the Tihidi block and has been in public life for quite some time, she appealed first to her SHG members to ensure her victory.

Ms. Das is likely the second BJD candidate after Pramilla Bisoi, the septuagenarian Member of Parliament from Ganjam's Aska constituency, who has emerged in Odisha's political arena from the BJD's flagship Mission Shakti programme for women.

Launched as a programme to initiate women into the SHG movement in 2001, Mission Shakti has come a long way to become a separate, full-fledged department under the Naveen Patnaik government. Political analysts point out that women SHGs are solidly consolidated behind the regional party, a major reason behind the BJD's successive electoral successes in the past two decades.

Green shoots: The SHG movement has transformed the status of women socially and, more so, at the family-level. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The evolution of the women SHG movement is being dubbed a silent revolution, transforming the status of women economically, socially and politically, and more so, at the family-level. More than 70 lakh women from Odisha's rural areas are participating in economic activities through six lakh SHGs.

Credit disbursement among women SHGs has quadrupled in just four years. From a mere ₹1,036 crore credit provided to SHGs in 2016-17, disbursement touched ₹4,190 crore in 2020-21. In the current fiscal, the disbursement has reached ₹6,000 crore.

Apart from their own entrepreneurial ventures, women SHGs have probably grown into the biggest outsourcing agencies for the State government in recent years. The State Cabinet provides ₹5,000 crore of business to Mission Shakti groups annually.

It was not that the Naveen Patnaik government pioneered the women SHG movement in the country. Kerala had started successful women SHGs programmes much before the present Odisha CM came into public life. But the way the BJD government created a force of loyal women has perhaps set it apart from others.

Even BJP, just before rural polls in Odisha this year, announced the creation of SHGs for men in its manifesto.

Though Mr. Patnaik is by far the most popular leader in the State, women SHGs could play a vital role in blunting the anti-incumbency factor when he faces the 2024 General Election.

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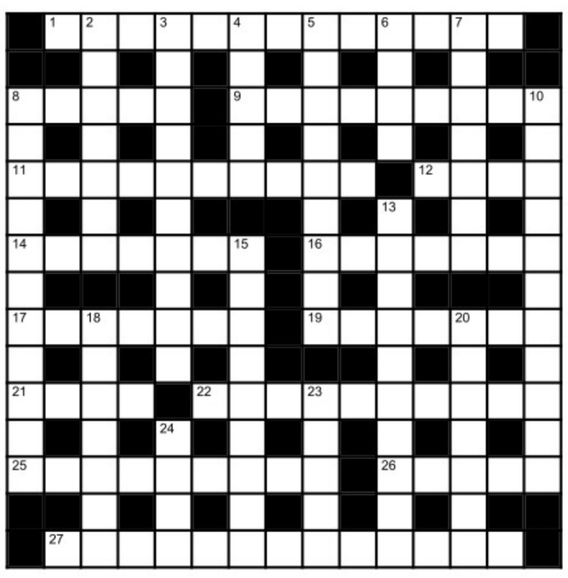

Across

1 Woman dumped a dude, bellowing about deceit (6-7)
8 Graduate holding rose in Dutch city (5)
9 Dinner table items of ornamental fabric in fashion all round (5,4)
11 Idea behind abandoning grand enterprise (10)
12 Powder in metal container (4)
14 What one training excessively for marathon might do in swamp (7)
16 A mysterious gap, one relating to furthest point in orbit (7)
17 Meat is beginning to go bad, most ill-smelling (7)
19 Extraordinary genius acquires new following (7)
21 Bowler perhaps starting to express resentment (4)
22 Troublesome purist rambling in club (10)
25 Confined over blunder, one fellow's scared stiff (9)
26 Bit of egg in breakfast cereal for American writer (5)
27 Cine star in set consumes dope, showing pigheadedness (13)

Down

2 Manage severe spread after onset of Omicron (7)
3 Speculate without reserve when prices are falling (4,6)
4 Reviewed video about unknown person living abroad (5)
5 Knocking back drink, start to boisterously talk for minute (9)
6 Recline with female? Willingly (4)
7 Star about to shoot in match between Celtics and Lakers, say (3,4)
8 How Sehwag liked to reach any three-figure milestone undoubtedly (2,1,4,4)
10 Anticipate nervously, start to slowly snog and seduce (6-5)
13 Extraordinary opus has solitary musical instrument (10)
15 Maniac involved in riot for food (9)
18 Endlessly developing city in Venezuela (7)
20 Silly jerk after wedding vow embraces bride heartily (7)
23 Bones of detective found in bar - criminal finally surrendered (5)
24 Raised moulding around English coffin stand (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The power of Tulasi

Tulasi mahima is spoken of by Prahlada in Padma Purana, said P.T. Seshadri in a discourse. Prahlada says that rishis met Sadananda. They asked him whose name, if uttered, would destroy our sins and give us punyas. Sadananda told them about how Tulasi Devi's avatara happened.

He said Rudra had told his son Subrahmanya about Tulasi Devi's greatness. Sadananda said that when the milky ocean was churned, using the Mantara mountain as the churning rod, many things appeared from the ocean, including nectar. Sacred drops of water fell from Lord Narayana's eye into the nectar pot. Tulasi came from one of these drops. Lord Narayana took for Himself only three entities that emanated from the ocean. They were Lakshmi, Kaustubha gem and Tulasi. Of these, He wore the first two on His chest, but He wore Tulasi all over His body. The Lord wanted to grant Tulasi a boon. Tulasi requested that no matter what sins a person had committed, if he prayed to Tulasi , his sins should be wiped out.

She further requested that those who did an archana to the Lord using Tulasi and those who consumed Tulasi offered at His feet must reach His feet. She also prayed that He must always think of her, just as she would be thinking of Him always. The Lord gave her the boons she asked for. In addition, He said that there were lots of flowers like lotuses, maalasugandha, jasmine and so on, which were offered to Him in worship. Some even offered flowers made of gold. But if these flowers were offered without Tulasi, He would not be pleased. Moksha is guaranteed to those who use Tulasi when they do their daily aradhana to the Lord.

TEHRAN

At least eight killed in 'terrible' prison fire amid Iran protests

Eight Iranian inmates were killed in a fire that raged through Tehran's Evin prison, the judiciary said on Monday, doubling the official toll from the blaze that further stoked tensions one month into protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini. The officials said on Monday that four inmates injured in the fire died in hospital. AP

NEW YORK

Kanye West to buy conservative social media network Parler

Social media network Parler said on Monday that Kanye West announced his intention to buy the platform, which has gained popularity among U.S. conservatives. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2022. The rapper's Instagram and Twitter handles were restricted in October over 'anti-Semitic' posts. AP

LONDON

Police to probe attack on protester on the grounds of China consulate

The U.K. police said on Monday that they were probing the reported beating of a Hong Kong pro-democracy protester on the grounds of the Chinese consulate in Manchester in northern England. Video footage showed a grey-haired man in a mask kicking and tearing down protesters' banners, and scuffles at the consulate's gates. AFP

BAGHDAD

Iraq's new President calls for speedy government formation

Iraq's newly-elected President Abdul Latif Rashid pledged on Monday after taking office to throw his weight behind efforts to rapidly form a strong new government. Mr. Rashid, 78, elected to the largely ceremonial post reserved for Iraq's Kurdish minority, named Mohammed Shia al-Sudani as Prime Minister-designate. AFP

Britain junks tax measures as Liz Truss hangs by thread

Chancellor Hunt says the tax changes would raise about £32 billion per year, after economists estimated the government faced a £60-billion black hole in the public finances

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Damage control: Jeremy Hunt announcing tax and spending measures at the House of Commons in London on Monday. AFP

Britain's new finance chief Jeremy Hunt on Monday axed debt-fuelled tax cuts to further calm market turmoil, in another major government U-turn that appears to leave Liz Truss's position as Prime Minister in a precarious state.

Mr. Hunt estimated that the tax changes would raise about £32 billion ($36 billion) per year, after economists estimated the government faced a £60-billion black hole in the public finances. He also warned of spending cuts.

Mr. Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, parachuted into the job on Friday to replace sacked Kwasi Kwarteng, said no government could control markets – but stressed his action could give certainty over the health of public finances. "We will reverse almost all the tax measures announced... three weeks ago," Mr. Hunt said in a televised statement, conceding last month's Budget from his predecessor had harmed the public purse.

"The most important objective for our country right now is stability," he added in a contrite statement. Mr. Hunt scrapped plans to axe the lowest rate of income tax, and curbed the government's flagship energy price freeze – pulling the plug in April instead of late 2024. After April, the government will "review" its energy support package, he said.

A proposed reduction in shareholder dividend tax was also binned, along with planned tax-free shopping for tourists and a freeze on alcohol duty.

The announcement comes as Ms. Truss's governing Conservative party tanks in the opinion polls amid Britain's worsening cost-of-living crisis.

Kwarteng's firing

Ms. Truss fired her close friend Mr. Kwarteng on Friday after their recent tax-slashing Budget sparked markets chaos – fuelling intense speculation over her political future one month after taking office.

"No government can control the markets but every government can give certainty about the sustainability of public finances," Mr. Hunt added on Monday.

Last month's notorious Budget sent bond yields spiking and the pound collapsing to a record dollar-low on fears of rocketing U.K. debt. Tax reductions were the centrepiece of the ill-starred Budget, but they were financed via huge borrowing.

Ms. Truss had already staged two humiliating Budget U-turns, scrapping tax cuts for the richest earners and on company profits.

Following his appointment, Mr. Hunt hit the ground running on Saturday with a warning of tax hikes as he dramatically reversed course on Ms. Truss's radical programme of economic reform.

"There will be more difficult decisions I am afraid, on both tax and spending, as we deliver our commitment to get debt falling as a share of the economy over the medium term," he said on Monday.

"All departments will need to redouble their efforts to find savings, and some areas of spending will need to be cut." Mr. Hunt already warned that he was "not taking anything off the table" amid speculation of painful cutbacks on critical areas like defence, hospitals and schools.

Eight killed after Russia strikes two Ukraine cities with dozens of drones

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Racing against time: Firefighters involved in rescue at a residential building destroyed by the drone strike in Kyiv on Monday. REUTERS

Russian attacks on Ukraine's capital and eastern region of Sumy killed eight persons on Monday, Ukrainian officials said after dozens of drones were launched at Kyiv.

Ukraine said the attacks were carried out by Iran-made 'suicide drones', which fly to their target and detonate. Russia's Defence Ministry said it had carried out a "massive" attack on military targets and energy infrastructure across Ukraine using high-precision weapons.

Ukraine's emergency services said the overall toll in the capital rose to four. "Four persons died and three were taken to hospital," it said. Two rescue workers were also wounded. Mayor Vitali Klitschko said a pregnant wife and her young husband were among the dead in Kyiv. "A husband and wife who were expecting a child. The woman was six months pregnant."

In Sumy, emergency services said four persons were killed and several more wounded in strikes that the governor said targeted energy infrastructure.

(with inputs from Reuters)

Ex-PM Khan wins big in Pakistan byelection

Agence France-Presse
ISLAMABAD

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan won six of the eight national Assembly seats he stood for in a weekend byelection, unofficial results showed.

The byelection is the latest twist in months of political wrangling that began before Mr. Khan's April ouster via a no-confidence vote.

The polls were called "in constituencies where the government thought PTI was weakest", Mr. Khan said at a press conference. "Despite such attempts, our voters defeated combined candidates of the ruling coalition."

It was, however, an effective net loss for PTI, which had previously held all eight seats.

Swedish Parliament elects conservative Prime Minister, to see a three-party coalition

Associated Press
STOCKHOLM

The Swedish parliament on Monday elected Ulf Kristersson – the conservative Moderate Party leader – as Prime Minister at the head of a minority coalition that is being supported by a once-radical far-right party.

Mr. Kristersson, 59, was elected by a vote of 176 to 173 and will present his government on Tuesday. His three-party coalition does not have a majority, but in Sweden, Prime Ministers can govern as long as there is no parliamentary majority against them.

After a month of talks with the anti-immigration populist Sweden Democrats, Mr. Kristersson presented an agreement that gave them an unprecedented position of influence in Swedish politics. They took over 20% of the vote at the September 11 election.

Mr. Kristersson's centre-right coalition government is made up of his party, the Liberals and the Christian Democrats, but he has said it will remain in "close collaboration" with the Swe-

Ulf Kristersson

den Democrats. He depends on the support of the Sweden Democrats to secure a majority in Parliament, enabling them to influence government policy from the sidelines.

The Sweden Democrats were founded in the 1980s by far-right extremists. They toned down their rhetoric and expelled openly racist members under Jimmie Akesson, who took over the party in 2005.

Heading committees

Since the election, the populist party has landed the chairmanships of four parliamentary committees, giving it the ability to wield more influence in mainstream Swedish politics.

Mr. Kristersson will be replacing Magdalena Andersson, who heads Sweden's largest party, the Social Democrats, which now are in Opposition. He backs Sweden's historic bid to join NATO following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February.

"It feels great, I am grateful," Mr. Kristersson told a press conference. " I am happy about the trust that I have received from the Riksdag. I am also humbled by the tasks that lie ahead of us."

The center-left Opposition heavily criticised the new governing coalition, with Lena Hallgren of the Social Democrats, calling it "a strange construction."

Many said it represented a paradigm shift in Sweden and would damage its image in the world as an egalitarian and tolerant nation. Nooshi Dadgostar, the leader of the former communist Left Party, said her parents who fled from Iran could never have imagined that Sweden would embark on an authoritarian path.

"What is happening now in Sweden is frightening," she told Parliament.

Nearly 5 mn members probed for graft, says CPC

Associated Press
BEIJING

China's ruling Communist Party says it has investigated almost 5 million members for possible corruption over the last decade, with formal criminal cases brought against 553.

The party has 96 million members and has long run its own internal system of keeping cadres in line through a mix of offering privileges and threatening severe punishment for taking bribes, selling offices or otherwise abusing authority.

Party congress

At a briefing on Monday on the sidelines of the party's national congress held every five years, the deputy secretary of the party's Committee for Discipline and Inspection, Xiao Pei, said 2,07,000 party officials in total had been handed some form of punishment in the past 10 years since party leader Xi Jinping took power.

Mr. Xiao said most of those caught by anti-graft investigators were long-term offenders and just 11% of those punished had committed their first offense in the past five years.

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To
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INBRIEF

LIC offers single-premium life plan named Dhan Varsha

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Monday introduced Dhan Varsha, a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, single premium life insurance plan offering a combination of protection and savings. "The plan provides financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the life assured during the policy term," LIC said. The plan would be available for sale till March 31, 2023.

Shriram Transport, Sundaram Finance increase FD rates

Shriram Transport Finance and Sundaram Finance have announced an increase in fixed deposit (FD) rates. Shriram Transport has increased rates by 5-25 basis points across tenors. Customers can earn interest up to 8.9% on FDs, the company said. Sundaram Finance said the rates on 12, 24 and 36-month deposits have been increased to 6.65%, 7% and 7.3%, respectively for the general public. Senior citizens will get an additional interest of 0.35% for one, two and three years respectively, the NBFC added.

SBI, Kotak, Federal Bank revise lending rates

State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Federal Bank have revised their lending rates under the marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR), making consumer loans costlier.

SBI has revised the MCLR for the 1-year tenor to 7.95%, up 25 bps. Kotak Mahindra Bank's MCLR for various tenors has been set in the range of 7.70-8.95%. Its revised 1-year MCLR is 8.75%. Federal Bank said the one-year MCLR on loans and advances has been revised to 8.7%. PTI

Economy is poised to consolidate, recovery set to quicken: RBI officials

Fight against inflation will be dogged, prolonged, caution officials in Bulletin article; 'nowcast' pegs Q2 GDP growth at 6.4%

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Economic activity in India has remained resilient and is poised to expand further, though aggressive and internationally-synchronised monetary tightening has further weakened global economic prospects, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials have asserted.

Domestic demand was seeing an acceleration, with contact-intensive sectors experiencing a bounce-back, the officials led by Deputy Governor Michael D. Patra wrote in an article on the 'State of the Economy' in the RBI's monthly Bulletin. "Robust credit growth and fortified corporate and bank balance sheets provide further strength to the economy. Headline inflation is set to ease from its September high... on the back of easing momentum and favourable base effects."

A breather: Inflation is set to ease from its Sept. high on the back of easing momentum, favourable base effect, say RBI officials. AFP

'Growth impulses'

"Indicators of aggregate demand [show] the onset of the festive season and pent-up demand kept growth impulses strong," they said. "Our economic activity index that employs a dynamic factor model with 27 high-frequency indicators nowcasts GDP growth for Q2... at 6.4%."

India was poised to consolidate and the recovery set to accelerate over the rest of the year, they said.

"The momentum of real GDP growth is expected to shed the drag embedded in the NSO's [National Statistical Office] estimates for the first quarter... and move into positive territory in the remaining quarters," the officials added. "Although this may not be evident in year-on-year growth rates due to unfavourable base effects, q-o-q annualised rates will reflect the underlying recovery."

However, "the fight against inflation will be dogged and prolonged, given the long and variable lags with which monetary policy operates, and fraught with uncertainties," they cautioned.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	58,411	0.85
US Dollar	82.30	-0.13
Gold	50,833	-0.51
Brent oil	92.1	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3212.60	3.10
Adani Ports	786.20	6.10
Apollo Hosp	4290.85	-6.30
Asian Paints	3197.60	12.10
Axis Bank	814.15	13.65
Bajaj Auto	3629.00	58.50
Bajaj Finserv	1719.25	30.95
Bajaj Finance	7355.20	82.70
Bharti Airtel	766.00	0.05
BPCL	296.55	-1.30
Britannia Ind	3777.70	-18.55
Cipla	1108.15	-0.75
Coal India	238.00	1.65
Divis Lab	3578.55	5.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4335.20	24.40
Eicher Motors	3514.70	37.50
Grasim Ind	1691.15	-4.40
HCL Tech	994.60	-7.95
HDFC	2349.25	5.75
HDFC Bank	1446.55	7.55
HDFC Life	523.75	0.75
Hero MotoCorp	2553.70	17.80
Hindalco	388.30	-8.85
Hind Unilever	2590.55	14.75
ICICI Bank	885.20	14.95
IndusInd Bank	1199.65	18.05
Infosys	1489.95	15.70
ITC	332.25	0.15
JSW Steel	631.45	-8.80
Kotak Bank	1858.15	24.15
L&T	1883.20	-28.40
M&M	1230.00	-0.30
Maruti Suzuki	8723.80	106.50
NestleIndia	18920.15	-7.85
NTPC	168.45	3.35
ONGC	127.80	0.20
PowerGrid Corp	211.85	-0.80
Reliance Ind	2408.75	38.05
SBI Life	1189.80	10.00
State Bank	543.65	16.45
Sun Pharma	980.00	3.70
TataConsumerProduct	763.15	1.90
Tata Motors	396.10	-0.15
Tata Steel	99.55	-0.55
TCS	3111.75	12.60
Tech Mahindra	1023.25	3.40
Titan	2625.00	7.20
UltraTech Cement	6271.50	79.50
UPL	678.05	-0.25
Wipro	375.10	-2.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 17

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.15	82.47
Euro	80.06	80.38
British Pound	92.82	93.19
Japanese Yen (100)	55.21	55.45
Chinese Yuan	11.41	11.45
Swiss Franc	82.05	82.37
Singapore Dollar	57.61	57.85
Canadian Dollar	59.47	59.71
Malaysian Ringitt	17.40	17.49
Australian Dollar	51.33	51.53

Source:Indian Bank

'Small savings yield is lower than stipulated by formula'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The current returns on small savings schemes have slipped below the formula prescribed for determining their rates by 44 to 77 basis points (bps), despite a 10 to 30 bps increase effected by the government on some schemes' returns for the October-to-December quarter, according to data in the RBI's latest monthly Bulletin.

Effecting the first increase in small savings rates since January 2019, the government raised returns on five of 12 such schemes in operation for this quarter. This was the first tweak in small savings since the April-to-June quarter of 2020 when they were slashed across schemes. Returns on these schemes are linked to market yields on government securities (G-secs) with a lag and are fixed on a quarterly basis at a spread of 0-100 basis points (bps) over and above G-sec yields of comparable maturities.

The formula-based return on the popular Public Provident Fund , the RBI reckoned, was 7.72% instead of the 7.1% currently accruing. Returns are below the formulaic rate by 55 to 77 bps, for as many as nine of the dozen schemes.

'Frozen petrol, diesel prices likely cost OMCs $7 bn till Aug.'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's state-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) have lost an estimated $6.5 billion-$7 billion on petrol and diesel sales on account of a virtual freeze in retail prices between November 2021 and August 2022, Moody's Investors Service said.

Though the government's recent ₹22,000-crore grant to cover these losses on sales of domestic liquefied petroleum gas between June 2020 and June 2022 is 'credit positive' for IOC, BPCL and HPCL, the rating agency said this was not adequate.

"Despite the grant, we expect refiners' earnings to remain weak in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2023 because of significant losses incurred on sale of petrol and diesel during the first half of fiscal 2022-23, for which they have not received any compensation so far," Moody's said.

Sugar output to increase 2% to 36.5 MT in 2022-23: ISMA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The country's sugar production is projected to be 36.5 million tonnes (MT) in the 2022-23 marketing season, an increase of 2% compared with the year-earlier period, industry body ISMA said on Monday.

The marketing season will be starting this month.

With an estimated increase in production des pite higher diversion for ethanol, ISMA expects exports to touch about nine million tonnes this season.

BoM Q2 net doubles on interest income

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) posted a twofold jump in net profit to ₹535 crore in the September quarter, aided by a decline in bad loans and a rise in net interest income.

Total income increased to ₹4,317 crore from ₹4,039 crore, BoM said in a filing.

The rise in profit can be attributed to factors such as a jump in net interest income, managing director A.S. Rajeev said. The bank was able to cut gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) to 3.4% of gross loans by the end of September from 5.56% a year earlier. Likewise, net NPAs declined to 0.68% from 1.73%. Net Interest Margin rose to 3.55% from 3.27%, BoM said.

Hence, provisions for bad loans declined to ₹532 crore from ₹922 crore. Net Interest Income grew 25.8% to ₹1,887 crore. Gross advances rose 28.6% to ₹1,48,216 crore.

"We have identified 2-3 [NPA] accounts for transfer [to the National Asset Reconstruction Company], which should reduce NPA by ₹500 crore in the ongoing third quarter," Mr. Rajeev said.

Govt. to issue bid for PLI-II to solar sector within a week

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The New and Renewable Energy Ministry will invite proposals under the second phase of the ₹19,500-crore production linked incentive (PLI-II) scheme for the solar sector within a week, said its Secretary Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi.

Under the scheme, incentives will be disbursed for five years after commissioning of solar PV manufacturing plants on sales of high-efficiency solar photo-voltaic (PV) modules.

ACC turns loss of ₹87 cr. in Sept. quarter on fuel costs

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Cement maker ACC Ltd. on Monday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹87.3 crore for the September quarter on account of a steep rise in fuel costs.

The firm had posted a profit of ₹450.21 crore in the year-earlier quarter, ACC, now a part of Adani Cement, said in a filing.

However, total revenue from operations rose 6.42% to ₹4,057.08 crore.

According to ACC, its EBITDA in the quarter "stood at ₹16 crore largely due to a steep rise in fuel cost" as against ₹712 crore a year earlier. Total expenses stood at ₹4,162.13 crore, up 29.9%.

Cement sales rose to 6.85 million tonne (MT) against 6.57 MT.

Revenue from the cement segment stood at ₹3,691.20 crore against ₹3,495.49 crore. Revenue from ready-mix concrete was up 15.8% to ₹353.26 crore, the firm said.

"We have had significant cost pressures in the recent past due to steep fuel price rise," said CEO and Whole-time Director Sridhar Balakrishnan.

"However, the recent cooling off in energy costs will impact us positively in the coming quarters."

ACC has 'aggressive growth plans' and its capacity-expansion initiative through greenfield projects in Madhya Pradesh is expected to be commissioned by March 2023.

Byju's raises $250 mn in fresh round of funding

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ed-Tech start-up Byju's raised $250 million from existing investors, the firm said on Monday.

"Regardless of the adverse macroeconomic conditions, 2022-23 is set to be our best year in terms of revenue, growth and profitability," said Byju Raveendran, founder and CEO.

In a statement, Byju's said it was consolidating all its K10 India subsidiaries into one unit to help leverage synergies.

Sport

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Advani, Raufeeq reign

Pankaj Advani and Raufeeq emerged the professional and non-professional billiards individual champions respectively on Monday at the 18th PSPB inter-unit billiards and snooker tournament at the KSBA.

The results (finals):

Professional billiards: Pankaj Advani (ONGC) bt Brijesh Damani (IOCL) 3-1 (100-17, 9-100, 102-58, 102-73); **Non-professional billiards:** Raufeek (GAIL) bt Tolan Baruah (OIL) 181-69.

Emmanuel nets winner

Emmanuel's 79th minute winner helped Kickstart FC edge Thanco's Students Union FC 3-2 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results: Roots FC 0 drew with FC Agniputra 0; FC Deccan 1 (P. Prasanna Kumar 5) bt MEG & Center FC 0; Kickstart 3 (Shelton Paul 1, Jijo Joseph 19, Ejioguchinedu Emmanuel 79) bt Thanco's SU FC 2 (Jay Kanani 26, Hemanth Kumar 41).

No sweat for BBFS

BBFS thrashed BSSSS 4-0 in an under-18 match of the KSFA Youth Premier League football here on Sunday.

The results: U-18: BIFA drew with Rebels FC 1-1; BBFS bt BSSSS 4-0; Kickstart FC bt Raman SA 2-1; **U-11:** Roots FC bt Vicky FA 2-1; YBEFC bt BBFS 1-0; Alchemy Intl FA bt BCFC 2-0; **U-9:** Concient FC bt Raman SA 2-0; YBEFC bt Roots FC 5-1; Black Panthers bt Vicky FA 3-1; Ronaldo bt Shooterz FA 2-1; Kickstart bt Goal FC 2-0.

Basketball tournament

The KSBA will conduct the State Association Cup from October 29 to November 5 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium basketball courts.

Bandit King claims Land Of Glory Plate

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer Laxman Singh's Bandit King (Kiran Naidu up) claimed the Land Of Glory Plate, the main event of Monday's (Oct. 17) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Prabhakar Chowdari Tripuraneni & Mr. Varde Vajrendar Rao.

1. HALLMARK PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III):

LIGHTNING FAIRY (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, New Hustle (B. Nikhil) 2, Red River (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Sweet Melody (Gaurav Singh) 4. Not run: N R I Ruby. 2-1/4, 3/4 and 3-3/4. 1m, 42.88s. ₹17 (w), 10, 11 and 11 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 33, SHW: 14 and 15, FP: 39, Q: 28, Tanala: 60. Favourite: Lightning Fairy.

Owners: Mr. T. Rakesh Reddy, Mr. V. Narendar Reddy, Mr. Syed Abul Hasan Razvi & Mr. K. Ram Gopal Rao.

Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

2. SIRCILLA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III):

TOP DIAMOND (Mukesh Kumar) 1, General Atlantic (Gaurav Singh) 2, N R I Millennium (Antony Raj) 3 and Quality Warrior (B.R. Kumar) 4. Nk, 1-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 14.01s. ₹20 (w), 12, 18 and 13 (p). SHP: 59, THP: 44, SHW: 13 and 33, FP: 139, Q: 72, Tanala: 370. Favourite: Top Diamond.

Owner: Mr. Md. Sultan.

Trainer: Mir Faiyaz Ali Khan.

3. FLORINA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III):

TRUE MARSHAL (Akshay Kumar) 1, Hoping Cloud (Mohit Singh) 2, Avancia (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Precious Gift (Santosh raj) 4. 3, 3 and 1-1/2. 1m, 27.31s. ₹17 (w), 11, 26 and 12 (p). SHP: 132, THP: 48, SHW: 13 and 103, FP: 172, Q: 138, Tanala: 432. Favourite: True Marshal.

Owners: Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mr. Yohan Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Michelle Y. Poonawalla, Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Z. Poonawalla rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rishad N. Pandole & Mr. Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs.

Trainer: M. Srinivas Reddy.

4. KALESHWARAM CUP (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III):

EXCLUSIVE SPARK (Mohit Singh) 1, Carnival Lady (B. Nikhil) 2, Explosive (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Pinatubo (Mukesh Kumar) 4. 1-1/2, 4 and 4-3/4. 1m, 42.21s. ₹99 (w), 25, 13 and 13 (p). SHP: 23, THP: 38, SHW: 42 and 15, FP: 934, Q: 216, Tanala: 1,757. Favourite: Strauss.

Owners: Mr. K. Srikanth Reddy & Mr. G. Narasa Reddy.

Trainer: Robin Reddy Kondakalla.

NOTE: Strauss jumped out awkwardly and dislodged his rider Suraj Narredu, who escaped unhurt.

5. LAND OF GLORY PLATE (2,000m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II):

BANDIT KING (Kiran Naidu) 1, Wallop And Gallop (Kuldeep Singh) 2, Just Incredible (Santosh Raj) 3 and Grand Duke (Gaurav Singh) 4. 3-3/4, 1-1/4 and 1/2. 2m, 6.76s. ₹65 (w), 19, 31 and 15 (p). SHP: 130, THP: 48, SHW: 26 and 70, FP: 1,365, Q: 731, Tanala: 7,627. Favourite: Icicle.

Owners: Mr. Prabhakar Chowdari Tripuraneni & Mr. Varde Vajender Rao.

Trainer: Laxman Singh.

6. NIJINSKY PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II):

BEDFORD (B.R. Kumar) 1, Briar Ridge (Santosh Raj) 2, Malaala (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Four One Four (Gaurav Singh) 4. Nk, 3/4 and Hd. 1m, 13.18s. ₹28 9w), 18, 15 and 17 (p). SHP: 54, THP: 74, SHW: 28 and 27, FP: 141, Q: 99, Tanala: 640. Favourite: Bedford.

Owners: Mr. Teegala Vijender Reddy & Mr. Narendra Vithaldas Shah.

Trainer: N. Rawal.

7. SIRCILLA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III):

ABOVE THE LAW (Md. Ismail) 1, Indian Temple (B. Nikhil) 2, Mind Reader (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Inside Story (Gaurav Singh) 4. 2, 1-1/4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 14.99s. ₹16 (w), 13, 25 and 17 (p). SHP: 104, THP: 60, SHW: 17 and 52, FP: 163, Q: 102, Tanala: 669. Favourite: Above The Law.

Owner: Mr. Rakesh Reddy Kondakalla.

Trainer: Robin Reddy Kondakalla.

8. FLORINA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III):

SERGEANT RECKLESS (Kuldeep Singh) 1, La Mirage (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Miss Solitaire (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Saint Emilion (Gaurav Singh) 4. 1-1/4, Nk and 2-1/2. 1m, 28.49s. ₹55 (w), 14, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 36, THP: 60, SHW: 22 and 21, FP: 199, Q: 77, Tanala: 300. Favourite: Miss Solitaire.

Owners: M/s. Sudarshan Singh Rathore Kanwar & Rishiraj Singh Rathore.

Trainer: Laxman Singh.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹86,983 (7 tkts.) & 30%: 3,837 (68 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 115 (452 tkts.), (ii) 1,817 (20 tkts.), (iii) 555 (201 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 4,118 (13 tkts.), (ii) ,2,841 (54 tkts.).

Kochi Tigers shocks Chennai Heat

INBL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

International Sejin Mathew came up with a sterling show as Kochi Tigers kept its cool under pressure to pull off a stunning 78-73 victory over favourite Chennai Heat in the Indian National Basketball League (INBL) here on Monday.

It was Kochi's second straight win in the six-team league and for Chennai, its first loss in two matches.

The Kochi boys bottled up Chennai star Baladhaneshwar for a good part of the match with point guard Lalrina Renthlei doing an effective dance in front of him.

And captain Sejin and centre A.S. Sharath did a good job with the rebounds. That was one department where Chennai looked weak.

The results (league): Kochi Tigers 78 (A.S. Sarath 19, Sejin Mathew 18, Lalrina Renthlei 15, Vaisakh K. Manoj 11) bt Chennai Heat 73 (Muin Bek Hafeez 18, A. Surya 17, Baladhaneshwar 14, B. Soorya 12).

Chandigarh Warriors 101 (Palpreet Singh Brar 28, Arvinder Singh 15, Gurbaz Singh Sandhu 13, Lalit Pawdiya 12, Amarendra Nayak 10) bt Mumbai Titans 72 (Vivek Goti 18, Shaun Aranjo14, Sameer Qureshi 12).

Bengaluru Kings 109 (Arvind Arumugam 23, B.K. Anil Kumar 22, B.M. Manoj 20, Pratyanshu Abhishek Gowda 10 bt Delhi Dribblers 106 (Mahipal Singh 17, Gaurav Chandel 21, Rishab Mathur 23, Piyush Meena 14, Digvijay Singh 12).

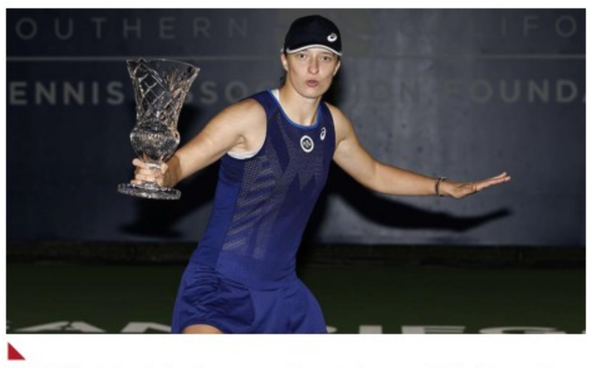
GOLF

Koepka grabs biggest payday with LIV playoff win

Four-time Major-winner Brooks Koepka secured the biggest payday of his career with a $4 million play-off win over Peter Uihlein on the LIV Golf Series Tour in King Abdullah Economic City on Sunday. Koepka birdied the Jeddah Invitational's third playoff hole to push Uihlein to second place and $2.125 million prizemoney.

TENNIS

World No. 1 Swiatek beats Vekic for San Diego title



World No. 1 Iga Swiatek captured her 11th career WTA title and her eighth of the year on Sunday outlasting 77th-ranked Donna Vekic 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 in the San Diego Open final. Three-time Grand Slam champion Swiatek defeated the 26-year-old Croatian for her WTA-best 64th match victory of 2022.

TENNIS

Russian Blinkova wins maiden WTA crown in Romania

Russian Anna Blinkova sealed her first WTA title with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 win over Italy's Jasmine Paolini in the Transylvania Open at Cluj-Napoca, Romania, on Sunday. The World No. 138, who overcame a second-set blip in her first Tour-level final, had to come through two rounds of qualifying to make the main draw.

KABADDI

Tamil Thalaivas prevails over Patna Pirates in a thrilling finish

An inspiring performance from raider Himanshu Singh helped Tamil Thalaivas record a come-from-behind 33-32 victory over Patna Pirates in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Monday. Himanshu scored 11 points, while Narender contributed nine. In another match, Dabang Delhi downed Haryana Steelers 38-36.

Shami's heroics give India a thrilling win over Australia

Pacer lands yorker after yorker and claims three wickets in the last over; Rahul and Suryakumar rake up half-centuries; Australia loses its way in the end after being in control for most of the chase

T20 WC WARM-UP

Press Trust of India
BRISBANE

Mohammad Shami put concerns over his fitness to rest with a sensational 20th over as India pulled off a six-run win over Australia in a warm-up fixture here on Monday.

K.L. Rahul (57, 33b) and Suryakumar Yadav (50, 33b) smashed entertaining half-centuries to power India to 186 for seven after Australia opted to bowl.

Needing 16 runs off the last 12 balls with six wickets in hand, Australia was on course for a comfortable win before Shami, Harshal Patel and Virat Kohli the fielder scripted a turnaround.

Shami, who last played a competitive game in July and landed here after suffering a long bout of Covid-19, landed yorker after yorker and ended up with three wickets in the over besides a run out.

In the penultimate over, Harshal Patel delivered after being hammered early on. He conceded just five runs in the over that included a brilliant run out off a Kohli direct hit.

Kohli had also plucked a stunning one-handed catch out of thin air near the boundary line to dismiss Pat Cummins.

Suryakumar, who had also scored a fifty against Western Australia in Perth, and Rahul also got a taste of the extra bounce as both were hit on the helmet.

The scores:
India 186/7 (K.L. Rahul 57, Suryakumar Yadav 50, Kane Richardson 4/30) bt Australia 180 (Aaron Finch 76, Mitchell Marsh 35, Mohammed Shami 3/4).
Toss: Australia. *India won by six runs.*

Well done! India captain Rohit Sharma acknowledges Shami's efforts. AP

Scotland stuns West Indies

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
HOBART

George Munsey's unbeaten half-century and some inspired bowling helped Scotland thrash two-time champion West Indies by 42 runs on Monday in another big upset in the T20 World Cup.

The shock result comes a day after Namibia hammered Asia Cup winner Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Munsey's 53-ball 66 laced with nine boundaries steered Scotland to 160 for five after being put in. Left-arm spinner Mark Watt led the bowling charge to bundle out West Indies – title winner in 2012 and 2016 – for 118 in 18.3 overs.

Scotland is on course for a second straight Super 12 place after achieving the feat last year.

Munsey, a left-handed batsman playing his 54th T20 for Scotland, reached his first T20 World Cup fifty and finished with a flourish as he hit three fours in a 15-run 20th over.

Munsey. AFP

In the other match, Sikandar Raza smashed 82 off 48 balls to set up a 31-run victory for Zimbabwe.

Asked to bat, Raza was involved in key partnerships to guide the team to 174 for seven. Then Zimbabwe restricted Ireland to 143 for nine.

The scores:
Scotland 160/5 in 20 overs (George Munsey 66 n.o.) bt West Indies 118 in 18.3 overs (Jason Holder 38; Mark Watt 3/12).
Toss: West Indies; **MoM:** Munsey.
Zimbabwe 174/7 in 20 overs (Sikandar Raza 82; Joshua Little 3/24) bt Ireland 143/9 in 20 overs (Curtis Campher 27; Blessing Muzarbani 3/23).
Toss: Ireland. **MoM**: Raza.

Binny to take over the BCCI reins from Ganguly today

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Roger Binny will formally become the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday during the BCCI's 91st AGM.

Binny will take over the reins from former India captain Sourav Ganguly.

While the election results will be formalised during the AGM – all the posts have been decided uncontested – the AGM may witness heated discussion while finalising the BCCI's representative to the ICC.

The new Apex Council:
President: Roger Binny,
Vice-president: Rajeev Shukla,
Secretary: Jay Shah, **Treasurer:** Ashish Shelar, **Joint secretary:** Devajit Saikia, **Councillor:** Khairul Jamal Mujumdar.
Male and female representatives of the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) will be elected later this month and a CAG nominee will be added.
IPL governing council: Arun Dhumal, Avishek Dalmiya and an ICA representative to be elected later.

Mohammed Shami knows how to take responsibility

I would want India to be the champion but my top four would be India, Pakistan, Australia and England, says former India captain

INTERVIEW

Sachin Tendulkar

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

He may not have played a T20 World Cup, but Sachin Tendulkar is keeping a close eye on the proceedings in Australia. He gives a glimpse into how Mohammed Shami is an ideal replacement for Jasprit Bumrah and what makes Arshdeep Singh special. *Excerpts:*

Tendulkar. FILE PHOTO

Yet another T20 World Cup has begun. Do you still get a feeling like it's "the only major World tournament I didn't play in my career"?
Actually, I never thought of it. It's the first time someone has asked me this question. No, I have never thought about it.

Majority of the faces in India's likely starting line-up on Oct. 23 are the same as the last year. Do you think India will fare better than it did last year?
We have more or less the same players and obviously a couple of faces are going to change here and there. We lost out on (Jasprit) Bumrah, which is obviously a big loss. The kind of bowler he is, he adds value to the team big time. But the replacement is Mohammed Shami, someone who has been around for a long time and is a senior bowler who knows how to take responsibility. He has proven it in the past. Arshdeep (Singh) has shown very good temperament. I have been watching his bowling and whatever he has planned, he commits to it. In this format, committing to your plan is important. Batters are going to be innovative, they are going to try different shots but if a player has a plan in his head and he is committed to it he'll be able to execute it much better than the rest.

We have seen Namibia and Scotland having upset two former champions in the first two days of the tournament. What can be done to further bridge the gap between the associate nations and full members?
The gap is bridged only in shorter formats. I was watching Namibia and Netherlands yesterday, and they played good cricket. In the shorter format, associate teams stand reasonable chance to surprise the opposition. In Test cricket, you need a different set of skills to last five days, be competitive and at the top of the game. It requires different skillsets. If you drop down to T10, it might become even more, so shorter the format, lesser the gap.

Would you have run-out a non-striker for backing up too far?
It's a rule now. If a player is short of the crease or doesn't make the crease, then the batter is given out, right? Just like he misses a ball that's heading toward stumps and in line of the stumps, he is given out lbw. So the ICC has introduced the rule that if you are out of the crease (before the ball is live), then you are run out.

Your semifinal picks and possibly the champion prediction?
Champion... I would want India to be the champion but my top four would be India, Pakistan, Australia and England. New Zealand is a dark horse, so is South Africa.

Aline and Lara score a brace as speedy Brazil steamrollers India 5-0 to seal a quarterfinal spot

U-17 WOMEN'S WC

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

Brazil routed India 5-0 in its last group-stage match to remain unbeaten in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, in Bhubaneswar on Monday.

Two goals each by Aline and Lara and one from Gabi Berchon were enough to secure three points for Brazil as it demolished the Blue Tigresses. The win – with the USA beating Morocco – saw Brazil secure its place in the quarterfinals for the third time, after 2010 and 2012.

Too good: Brazilians dominated the proceedings. BISWARANJAN ROUT

"She is up over 33 km/hr - that's top-class speed," India's head coach Thomas Dennerby had quipped about Brazilian Jhonson. But it was the pace of Aline that exposed India.

In the 11th minute, the No. 7 made a run along the right flank and the Indian skipper Astam Oraon – despite her sprint – fell short of catching up with Aline. Aline crossed to her left to Gabi Berchon and the midfielder slotted home with a right-footed finish.

The Indian right flank, now exposed, was punished half an hour later when Aline (right-wing) and Ana Flavia (midfielder) switched positions and the latter's cross was tapped in by Aline. Six minutes into the second half, following a pass from Rebeca, Aline stopped, turned and hit a right-footed curler that swivelled into the top-right corner of the net.

As the match trudged into the last 10 minutes, Lara – who had come on after half-time – launched a right-footed stunner into the top-left corner, eviscerating any chance of a comeback by host. For the No. 17, it became a shooting practice minutes later when her left-footed hit from outside the box kissed the top left corner.

Jyothi Yarraji scorches her way into the record books in the women's 100m hurdles

ATHLETICS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Jyothi Yarraji became the first Indian to go under 13 seconds in the women's 100m hurdles by breezing past the finish line in 12.82 seconds at the 61st National Open athletics here on Monday.

The 23-year-old had clocked 12.79 at the recently held National Games in Gujarat, but it wasn't considered a National record because it came with a +2.5 m/s tailwind assistance. Anything over 2 m/s doesn't count for a record.

She clocked 13.17s in the heats to erase Anuradha Biswal's previous meet record of 13.38 set way back in 2002. However, the skies opened up barely an hour before the final, making the conditions damp.

But Yarraji seemed unperturbed, as she took the lead around the 40m mark and ended up shaving over two-tenths of a second from her previous National record of 13.04s. Yarraji now holds the four best times by an Indian woman.

"It's a relief to get it (dip under 13 seconds)," said James Hillier, Jyothi's coach at the Odisha Reliance Foundation High Performance Centre.

Blistering run: Jyothi was uncatchable. K. MURALI KUMAR

"The conditions were not the best, which made the performance even better. It's the coming of age season for her."

The results: Men: 110m hurdles: 1. Maymon Poulose (Ser) 13.97s, 2. Tejas Shirse (Mah) 13.98, 3. Sachin Babu (Ser) 14.19;

5000m: 1. Sunil Dawar (MP) 14:10.45; 2. Gulveer Singh (Ser) 14:11.24, 3. Kiran Matre (Ser) 14:14.35; **Pole vault:** 1. Parshant Singh Kanhiya (Rly) 5.15m (NMR; OR: 5.21, S. Siva, 2021); 2. S. Siva (Ser) 5.00, 3. Shekhar Kumar Pandey (UP) 5.00; **4x100m relay:** 1. Railways 39.75s (NMR; OR: 39.89, Railways, 2006), 2. Services 40.21, 3. Maharashtra 40.50.

Women: 100m hurdles: Jyothi Yarraji (Rly) 12.82s (NMR; OR: 13.38, Anuradha Biswal, 2002), 2. Sapna Kumari (Jha) 13.26, 3. Agasara Nandini (Tel) 13.51; **5000m:** 1. Parul Chaudhary (Rly) 16:24.90, 2. Seema (HP) 16:25.17, 3. Komal Chandrakant Jag (Rly) 16:28.89; **Shot put:** 1. Manpreet Kaur (Pun) 16.84m, 2. Abha Khatua (Mah) 15.72, 3. Paramjot Kaur (Rly) 15.25.

4x100m relay: 1. Railways, 44.98s (NMR; OR: 45.23, Railways, 2019), 2. Karnataka 46.09, 3. Tamil Nadu 46.38.

INBRIEF

Ebenezer Joseph garners a silver medal in chess

Ebenezer Joseph won the silver medal in the Amateur chess Organization World senior (50+) championships held in Crete, Greece recently. One hundred and seventy players from 22 countries participated in the tournament held in six categories according to Elo ratings.

Gold for Indian medley relay teams in Asian youth athletics

The Indian boys and girls medley relay teams struck gold in the fourth Asian youth athletics championships, which ended in Kuwait City on Sunday. India also topped the medals table with six gold, 11 silver and seven bronze medals.

The results (Indian medallists only): Boys: Medley relay: 1. India (1:55.20s).
Girls: Medley relay: 1. India (2:12.18s); **2,000m steeplechase:** 2. Ekta Pradeep Dey (7.15.53s). **Heptathlon:** 2. Mubssina Mohammed (4730 points).

LIVE TELECAST

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: (first-round): Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 p.m. onwards
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 4.30 & 8 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12 a.m. (Wednesday)

Osimhen ensures Napoli's streak

Union Berlin's Bundesliga fairytale continues after a goalkeeping howler from Borussia Dortmund's goalkeeper

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MILAN

Victor Osimhen made sure that Napoli kept hold of its Serie A lead on Sunday with the winning goal in a 3-2 victory over Bologna which took its all-competitions winning streak to 10 matches. AC Milan gave its title defence a boost with a 2-1 win at Verona.

Union Berlin's fairytale run at the top of the Bundesliga continued on Sunday after a howler from Borussia Dortmund goalkeeper Gregor Kobel helped it to a stunning 2-0 win over Edin Terzic's side.

There she goes: Osimhen watches the course of his shot as he scores Napoli's third. AFP

The results: Serie A: Napoli 3 (Jesus 45, Lozano 49, Osimhen 69) bt Bologna 2 (Zirkzee 41, Barrow 51).
Spezia 2 (Nzola 19, Holm 22) drew with Cremonese 2 (Dessers 2, Pickel 52); Verona 1 (Gunter 19) lost to AC Milan 2 (Veluso 9-og, Tonali 81).
Bundesliga: Cologne 3 (Tigges 47, 81, Huseinbasic 61) bt Augsburg 2 (Niederlechner 14, Caligiuri 68).

Union Berlin 2 (Haberer 8, 21) bt Borussia Dortmund 0.

Bayern Munich 5 (Gnabry 13, Choupo-Moting 33, Sane 53, Mane 55, Sabitzer 80) bt Freiburg 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Soumya excels as Madhya Pradesh beats Karnataka to lift the U-19 Women's T20 Trophy

Soumya Tiwari's all-round effort (36 n.o. & 3/17) helped Madhya Pradesh defeat Karnataka by 26 runs in the final to secure the BCCI U-19 Women's T20 Trophy in Ahmedabad.

The scores:
Madhya Pradesh 137/3 in 20 overs (Kanishka Thakur 52, Shreya Dixit 27, Soumya Tiwari 36 n.o.) bt Karnataka 111/9 in 20 overs (Roshini Kiran 47, Soumya Tiwari 3/17, Khushi Yadav 3/29).

Himesh the star in Mysore's innings win over Tumkur

R. Himesh's match-haul of 10 wickets (3/18 & 7/35) helped Mysore defeat Tumkur by an innings and one run in the KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament.

The scores:
Raichur 237 in 81.2 overs (Aniketh Reddy 52, Sharavan Morkhandikar 70, Mohd Mohib Jamadar 51, Roshan Kumar 3/61, R. Kushal 3/38) &54/1 in 19.0 overs (Aniketh Reddy 33 n.o.) drew with President's XI 384 in 88 overs (Pratheek 157, R.V. Rohit 124, Rajaraghavendra Nayaka 4/70).
Bangalore City XI 84 in 36.1 overs (Arnavv Sharma 39, K.A. Tejas 29, Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 5/31) & 271 in 84.5 overs (S. Ananth 109, Sankalp K. Teli 32, K.A. Tejas 32) drew with Shivamogga Zone 116 in 52.2 overs (A.N. Pradyumna 38, Sankalp K. Teli 4/30).
Dharwad 273/8 in 90 overs (Raed 32, Atharv Nooli 28, Vedant V. Patil 57 n.o., Vikas Patil 44 n.o., Sai Kritin Yedidi 4/105) & 48/5 in 15.2 overs (Agastya Akash Sahu 5/30) drew with Vice President's XI 229 in 76.1 overs (Atharv Malviya 100, Nishchinth Parmashwar 81, Siddesh A. Asalkar 5/43, Manikanth Shivanand 4/55).
Tumkur 48 in 34.4 overs (V. Swayam Raje Urs 3/18, R. Himesh 3/18) & 109 in 61.1 overs (A. Preetham 30, V. Sohan 27, R. Himesh 7/35) lost to Mysore 158 in 57.4 overs (Roshan Raju 27, R. Sachin Nayak 28, V. Swayam Raje Urs 30, Nigam S. Etagi 5/42, Farhan Farooq 3/31).
Mangalore 205 in 54 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 65, Siddanth Amin 65, Bhuvan Bhat 34, Ansh Singh 3/35, Dhruv Vasu 4/48) & 125/6 in 35.5 overs (Aarav N. Shetty 34, Bhuvan Bhat 29) drew with Bangalore 367/6 decl. in 89.5 overs (S. Daivik 105, Krishav Somasundar 114, Vivian Daniel Martis 49 n.o., L. Rakshith 48, Eshan P. Baody 6/71).
Combined City XI 157 in 45.5 overs (Samyak Vellalore 44 n.o., M.C. Sathvik 32, Akshath Prabhakar 4/30, Aarin Pathak 3/48) & 226/8 in 63.4 overs (Aadesh URS 82, A.B. Kushal Keshav 34, Vaibhav Sharma 46, R. Shiv 3/11) drew with Secretary's XI 154 in 45 overs (R. Shiv 113 n.o. Ajay Kurpad 6/49).

Karnataka thrashes Assam by nine wickets in senior women's T20

Karnataka beat Assam by nine wickets in the BCCI Senior Women's T20 Trophy in Surat.

The scores:
Assam CA 81/8 in 20 overs (Rashmi Dey 34, Monica C. Patel 3/9, Sahana S. Pawar 3/18) lost to Karnataka 82/1 in 12.1 overs (Shubha Satheesh 38 n.o., G. Divya 36 n.o.).

Gukesh stuns Carlsen, breaks Praggnanandhaa's record

CHESS

Rakesh Rao

Less than 24 hours after Arjun Erigiasi showed the way, D. Gukesh brought down World champion Magnus Carlsen in 29 moves in the $150,000 Aimchess rapid online tournament on Monday.

Gukesh, the youngest Indian GM and the second behind Viswanathan Anand in classical ratings, became the youngest to beat Carlsen after he became the World champion in 2013.

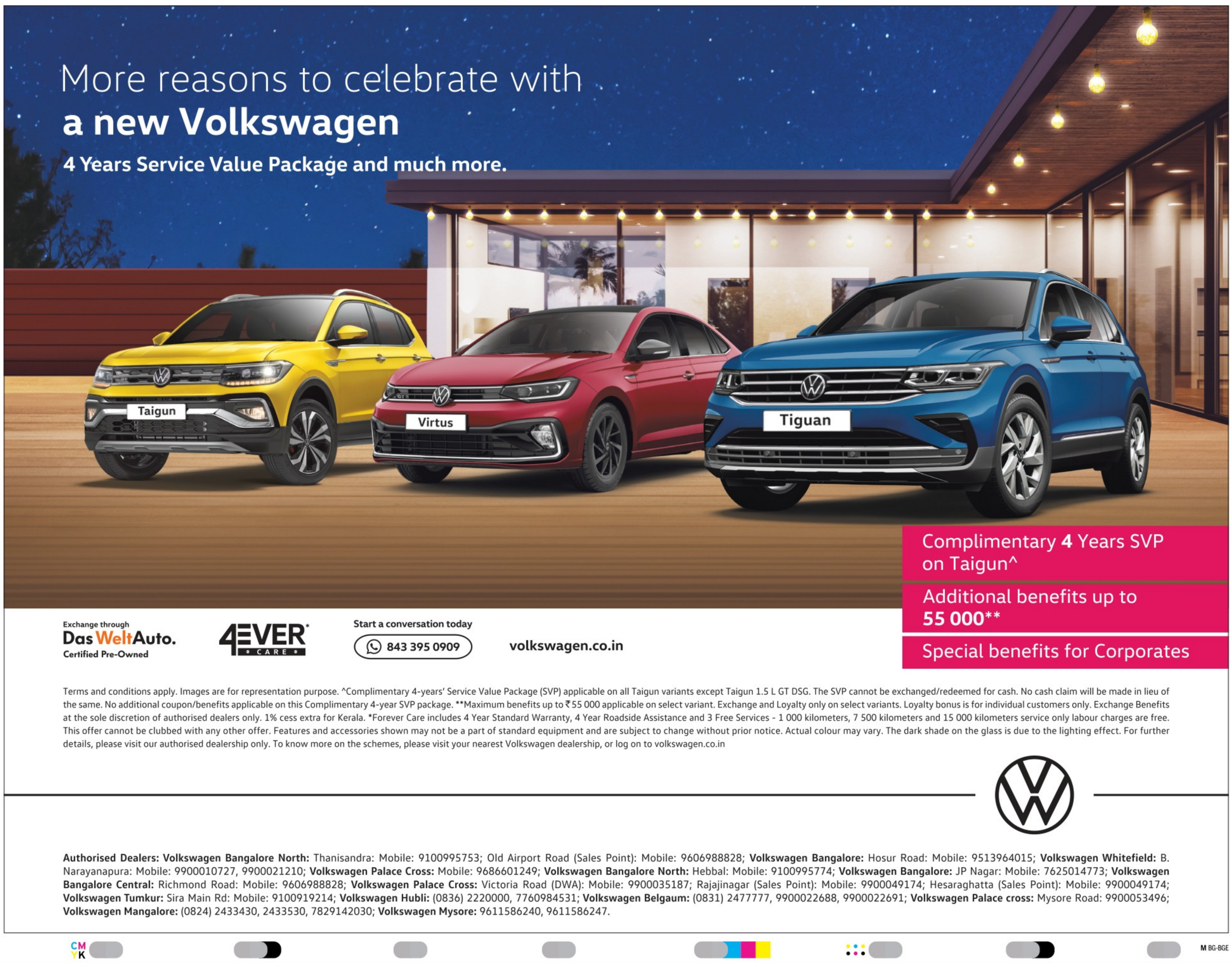
Interestingly, Gukesh broke the record of R. Praggnanandhaa. In February, Praggnanadhaa was 16 years, six months and 10 days old when he beat Carlsen in the Airthings Masters. Gukesh surpassed the mark on Monday at 16 years, four months and 20 days.

Standings (after 12 rounds): 1. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol, 25/36); 2. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 23), 3-5. D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Magnus Carlsen (21 each), 6. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 20), 7-8. Richard Rapport (Rom), Anish Giri (Ned) (18 each), 9. David Anton (Esp, 15), 10-11. Vidit Gujrathi (14), Daniel Naroditskey (USA, 14), 12-13. Aditya Mittal (12), Vincent Keymer (Ger, 12), 14-16. Nils Grandelius (Swe), P. Harikrishna and Eric Hansen (Can) (7 each).

Tuesday's Mushtaq Ali Trophy schedule
Group A (Rajkot): Assam vs Railways; Mumbai vs Rajasthan; Madhya Pradesh vs Mizoram; Uttarakhand vs Vidarbha
Group B (Jaipur): Goa vs Uttar Pradesh; Manipur vs Punjab; Delhi vs Hyderabad; Puducherry vs Tripura
Group C (Mohali): Haryana vs Jammu & Kashmir; Arunachal Pradesh vs Karnataka; Kerala vs Maharashtra; Meghalaya vs Services
Group D (Indore): Andhra Pradesh vs Bihar; Gujarat vs Nagaland; Himachal vs Saurashtra
Group E (Lucknow): Bengal vs Sikkim; Chandigarh vs Chhattisgarh; Jharkhand vs Tamil Nadu

Bernard Dunne is new boxing HPD

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Former Irish professional boxer Bernard Dunne has been named the high performance director (HPD) for Indian boxing. Dunne, who had a five-year (2017-2022) stint with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association, replaces Santiago Nieva. During Dunne's tenure with the Ireland team, Kellie Harrington emerged World (2018, Delhi) and Olympic (2021, Tokyo) champion, while Amy Broadhurst and Lisa O'Rourke won golds at this year's World championships in Istanbul and Aidan Walsh secured a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.

"India has the talent and the boxers have been performing exceedingly well. It will be a great opportunity to work with them," said Dunne.